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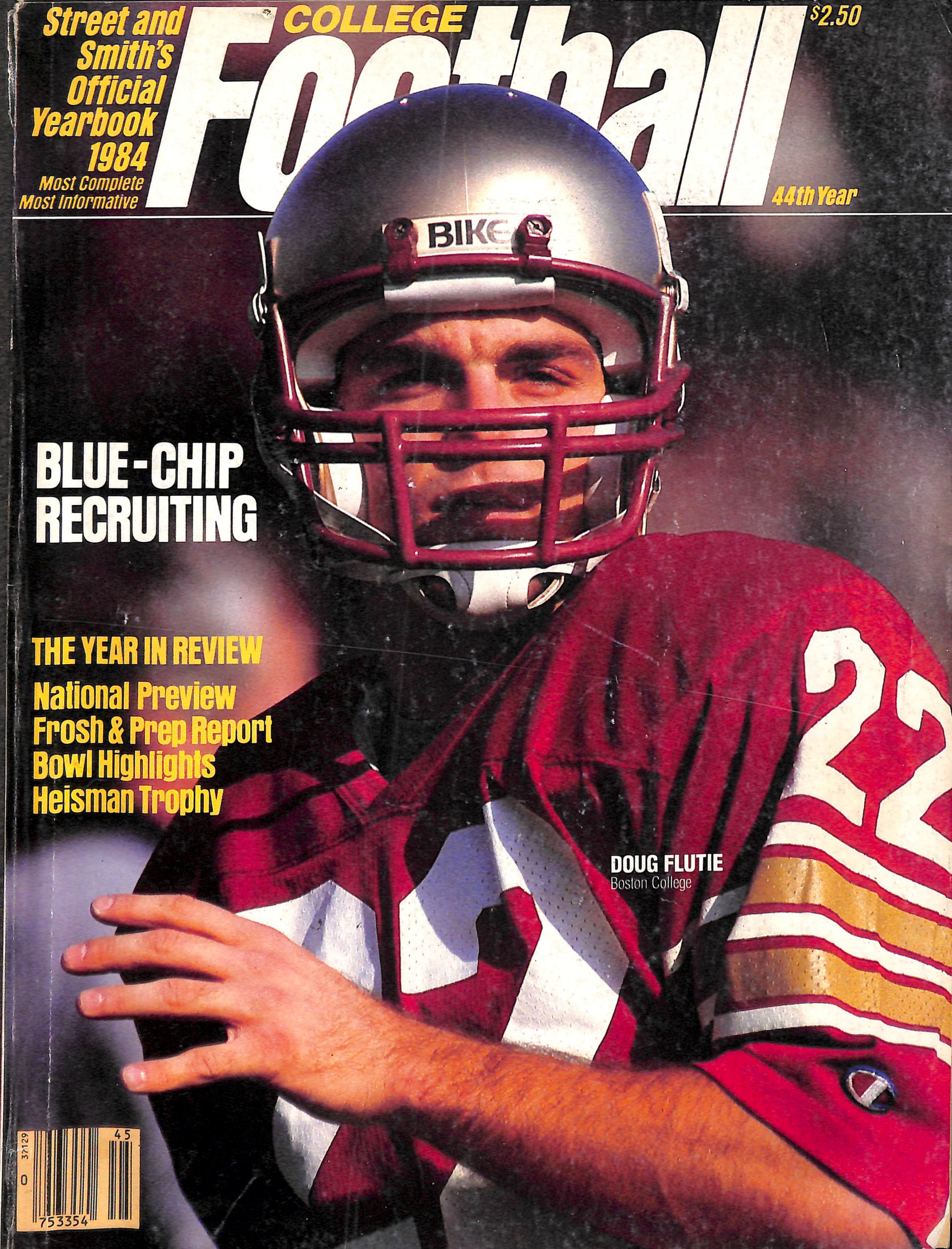

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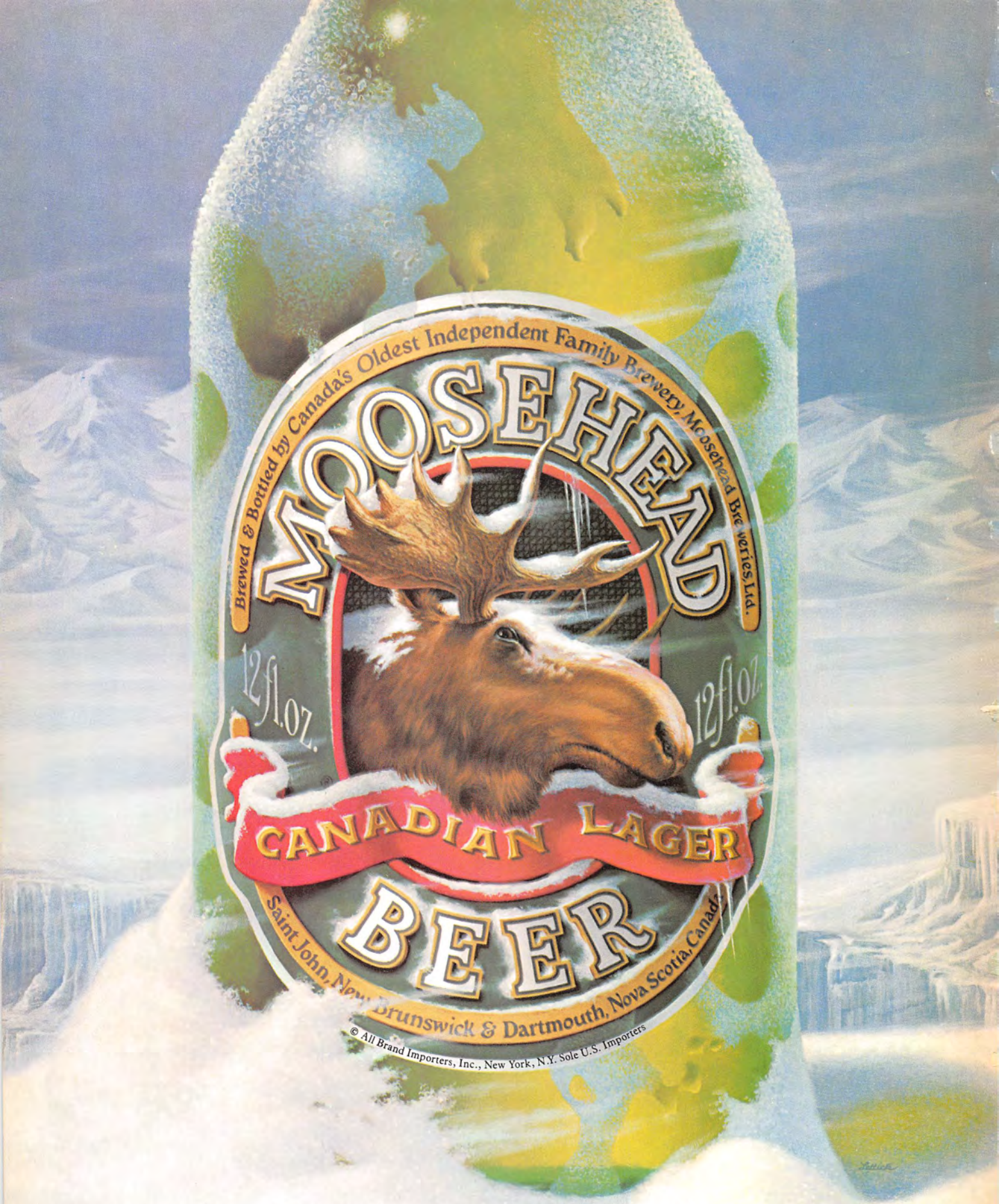

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Yes ☐ 36-1 No ☐ -2

b. If yes, will it be a: Domestic Car ☐ 37-1 Imported Car ☐ -2 Not sure ☐ -3

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None of these ..... ☐ -7

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	Personally Drink	Number of Drinks in Last 7 Days		Personally Drink	Number of Drinks in Last 7 Days
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Rum	☐ -6	50-51	Domestic Beer (light)	☐ -5	13-14
Gin	☐ -7	52-53	Domestic Beer (regular)	☐ -6	15-16
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Brandy or Cognac	☐ -x	60-61	Domestic champagne	☐ -0	23-24
Vermouth	☐ -y	62-63	Bottled natural spring or mineral waters	☐ -x	25-26
			None of these	☐ -y	

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11. Are you: Male ☐ 27-1 Female ☐ -2

12. Your age:

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18-24 ..... ☐ -2 35-39 ..... ☐ -5 50-54 ..... ☐ -8 65 or over ..... ☐ -x
25-29 ..... ☐ -3 40-44 ..... ☐ -6 55-59 ..... ☐ -9

13. What is your marital status?

Single ☐ 29-1 Married ☐ -2 Widowed, Divorced, Separated ☐ -3

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High School Graduate..... ☐ -2 Attended College 1-3 years ..... ☐ -4 Professional or Graduate School After 4 year College ☐ -6

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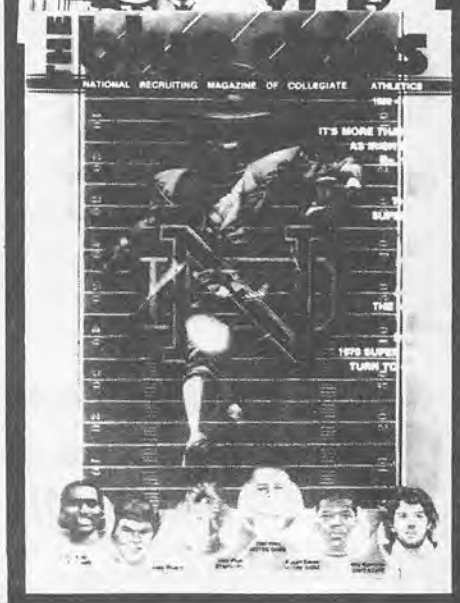

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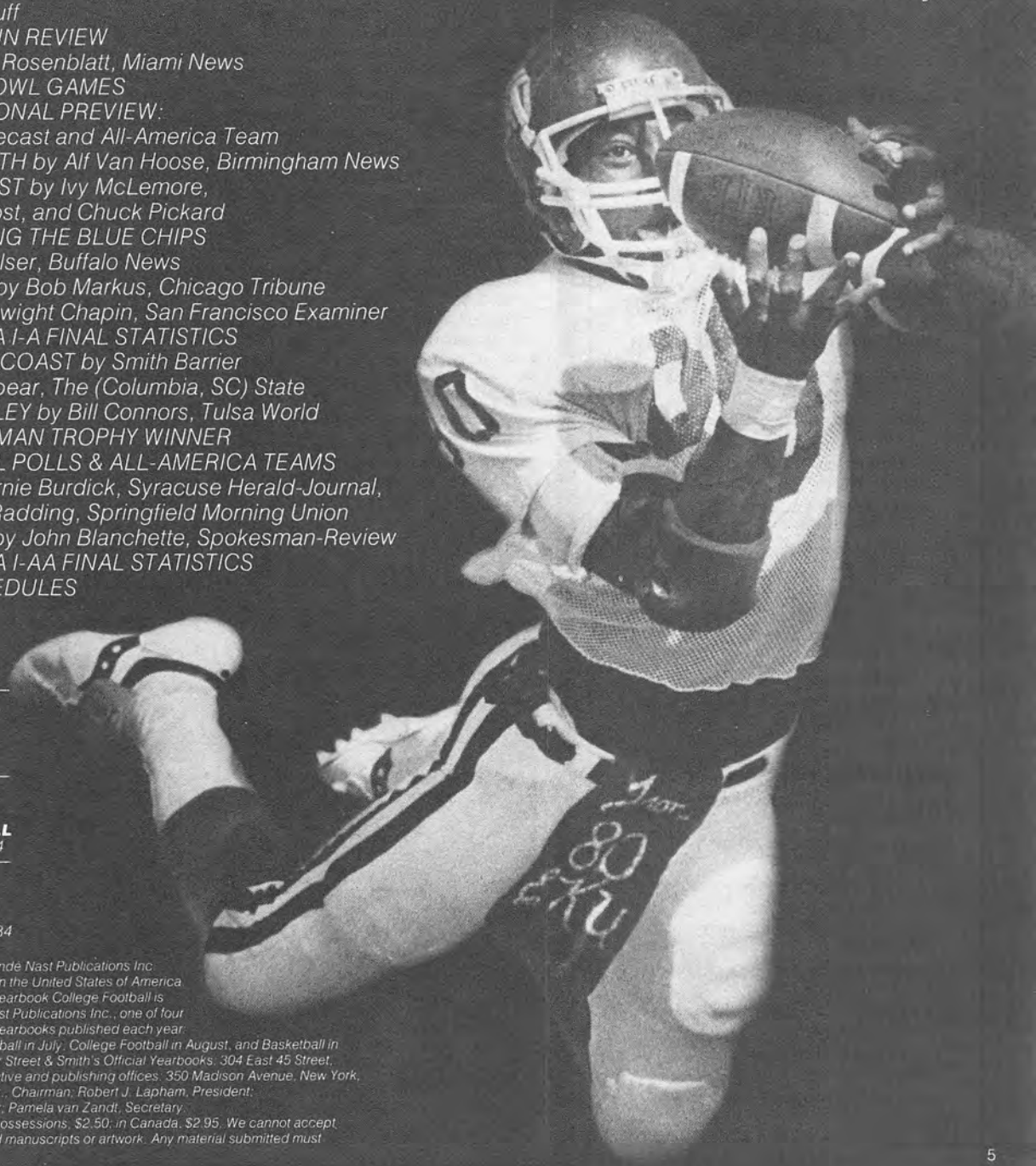

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In the interval between the conclusion of last year's regular-season college football schedule and the start of the first bowl game, both wire services (United Press International and the Associated Press) agreed that the top three teams in the country were, respectively: Nebraska, Texas, and Auburn. That pleased us, because back in July we had predicted that exact order of finish (O.K., so the results of the New Year's bowl games altered the final rankings somewhat—UPI and AP voted Miami, Nebraska, Auburn, Georgia, and Texas positions one through five).

Our soothsayer's credentials thus somewhat substantiated, we are determined to try again. After a careful analysis of each major college team's strengths and weaknesses, health, coaching, and schedule, and after factoring in such intangibles and clichés as desire, momentum, home-field advantage, astrological signs, and biorhythms, we have arrived at our preseason Top 20 (see page 27). Accordingly, we have eliminated the need to wait until the Saturday following the third Tuesday in November for the bowl pairings. Herewith we present one possible 1984-85 college football bowl scenario:

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Fiesta: Washington/Alabama
Cotton: SMU/Notre Dame
Sugar: Auburn/Penn State
Rose: Arizona State/Iowa
Orange: Nebraska/Miami

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Here are capsule summaries on the foursome from Flint and Greensboro, plus the other members of the All-America honor roll:

QUARTERBACKS

Todd Ellis passed for over 1,500 yards last fall as Page captured the "big school" championship in North Carolina with a junior-dominated squad. The 6-3, 200-pounder is considered one of the two top signal-calling prospects in the Atlantic Coast-Southeastern Conference area. The other is Joey Hester of Cairo, GA. Last season, Georgia was loaded with touted senior quarterbacks, but some observers believe Hester, though just a junior, was the top talent. Two seasons ago, he suffered an arm injury and was sidelined while Duke Donaldson set passing records. When Hester returned to action last fall, Donaldson was shifted to wide receiver.

In New England, the closest thing to the rangy Ellis is David Thompson of Daniel Hand High in Madison, CT. Thompson is 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds with 4.6-second speed for 40 yards. The former two-time national Pass, Punt & Kick champion guided his team to an unbeaten regular season last fall, and has passed for 27 touchdowns and 2,195 yards in two seasons while punting at a 40-yard norm.

Eric Mitchel is considered the best quarterback in Arkansas in decades. Blessed with 4.5 speed, this option triggerman produced 28 touchdowns—15 by passing and 13 by running—last year while amassing 1,973 yards in total offense for Pine Bluff High.

RUNNING BACKS

California had a wealth of talented runners in 1983, and some observers feel the best of the bunch returns in 1984. He's Aaron Emanuel, a 6-3, 205-pounder for Quartz Hill High. Another speedster, he accounted for 2,737 all-purpose yards, including 2,354 on 311 rushes, last fall while scoring 33 touchdowns. Coach John Albee feels his prize protege "could become one of the all-time great high school running backs."

The East Coast answer to Emanuel could be three-sport stalwart Brian Davis of Washington, PA, who has averaged 9.8 yards a carry the last two seasons while scoring 44 TDs. As a sophomore, he long-jumped 23-feet, 8-inches to win a state title. As a 5-11 basketball center he led his team to a state crown in 1984.

Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are homes to three of the most highly regarded runners in the southeast. The best in the Sunshine State is 6-2, 210-pound Sam Smith of Apopka, FL, who clocks 9.6 seconds for 100 yards and rushed for 1,453 yards and scored 120 points in his only full season at running back last fall. Some fans in the Peach State feel Keith Henderson of Cartersville will be the best running back in Georgia since Herschel Walker. Henderson already has amassed 4,878 all-purpose career yards, including 3,217 by rushing the last two years. In Aiken, SC, folks are awaiting the senior season of Richard Smith, who enters his fourth season as a regular at South Aiken High. He has averaged 7.4 yards a carry and scored 29 TDs.

The Ohio Class AAA Back of the Year returns in D'Juan Francisco of Cincinnati Moeller. Francisco's brother Hiawatha earned All-America honors two years ago and now plays for Notre Dame. D'Juan, however, has broken all the Moeller rushing and scoring records, including a 27-TD, 1,658-yard junior season for a two-year total of 44 scores and 2,845 rushing yards. He's also a member of the state champion 400-meter relay unit.

In the southwest, names to watch include James Rouse of Little Rock, AR, Parkview, and Greg Moore of Huffman, TX. Both are rated blue-chip talents by the Houston-based National High School Football Recruiting Service. Rouse rushed for 1,910 yards and scored 28 TDs as a junior on a state runner-up team. Moore chalked up 1,702 rushing stripes last fall and has a three-season total of 3,376 and 34 TDs.

UTILITY BACKS

A pair of versatile, all-purpose backs from Michigan and California rate inclusion among our '84 selections. John Miller of Harrison High in Farmington Hills, MI, has been a member of two state championship teams already and is a two-time all-state selection at safety and running back. He has rushed for 2,973 yards, scored 42 touchdowns, and intercepted 15 passes entering his final season. Marc Hicks, meanwhile, scored 25 TDs and rushed for 1,488 yards in his only varsity campaign at Davis, CA, after scoring 56 TDs in two junior-varsity seasons. Like Miller a punter, Hicks also participates in basketball, volleyball, and track.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Andre Rison is a do-it-all, three-sport stalwart for Flint, MI, which won the state basketball title last spring with this jumping-jack point guard running the show. Rison has scored 23 TDs and amassed 1,900 yards as a "running" quarterback when not manning a cornerback spot, where many recruiters project him in college. He also punts and place-kicks.

Mark Green of Riverside, CA, Poly has intercepted 17 passes the last two years and last fall averaged 11.1 yards a carry on a team with three 1,000-yard rushers.

The top player in Washington could be Scott Thompson of Cascade High in Everett. The two-way back intercepted six passes and was in on 97 tackles in ten games as a junior.

LINEBACKERS

The initials J.J. are well known to followers of New York prep sports, where James Joseph Grant of Liverpool is a three-sport performer. One of the nation's top track weightmen (62-6½ shot put and 173-foot discus as a sophomore), he's also an all-state linebacker who doubles as a fullback. The 6-1, 225-pounder has been in on 226 tackles in 20 games. Last fall, he averaged eight yards a carry.

Pennsylvania is home to two topflight defenders. In the East, it's four-year Bonner High regular Ed Monaghan of Drexel Hill. In the West, it's Scott Gob of Bethel Park, a Pittsburgh suburb. Monaghan has been an all-Philadelphia-area player for two years while playing defensive end, tight end, and tackle. Gob blends 4.7 speed with strength (420-pound bench press) while rating raves as a punishing tackler.

Illinois is well-stocked with linebackers this fall; the two best could be Kurt Zackrison of Elmhurts York and John Banaszak of South Holland Thornwood. Zackrison, a state-ranked high hurdler, has played six

different positions and punted the last two years. He should man a fullback spot on offense this fall. Banaszak, also a tight end, had 23 tackles for losses and forced five fumbles last fall.

Returning all-state linebackers in New Jersey and Missouri include Ned Bolcar, of Phillipsburg, NJ, and Lee Johnson of Hazelwood Central near St. Louis, MO. Bolcar, a basketball and baseball performer as well, had 15 stops behind the line of scrimmage. Johnson also saw action at fullback, tight end, and defensive tackle.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

Omaha, NE, Central has a rich athletic tradition, but football coach William Reed feels defensive end Sean Ridley could be "our best pure all-around athlete ever." The 6-3, 205-pound Ridley was credited with 121 tackles, including 13 sacks, last fall and mans a tight-end spot on offense after playing quarterback the previous year. In track, he's a 60-foot shot putter and member of the 400-sprint relay team. In basketball, he's an innovative dunker.

The top player in Indiana could be 6-3, 220-pound Damon Taylor, who sparkled on the undefeated state champ Indianapolis Bishop Chatard team last fall. Also a basketball and track performer, he charted 21 sacks and recovered five fumbles.

College talent scouts know where Lynchburg, VA, is located, and particularly Brookville High, where Richard Morrison will be playing this fall. The all-state honoree was in on 150 tackles, including 11 sacks, as a junior when not playing tight end.

In Dayton, OH, Stebbins High partisans know of Brent White, who recorded 14 sacks among his 129 tackles last year. He's also a track sprinter and wrestler. Clarke Central High in Athens, GA, has produced great athletes over the years, but some regard Derrick Little as possibly the best prospect in the last decade.

RECEIVERS

Bay City and Summerville captured state titles in Texas and South Carolina, respectively, last season and both return outstanding athletes. Hart Lee Dykes caught 44 passes for 928 yards for the 14-0 Bay City team. In addition, he handles punting and kick-returning duties. Also an honored basketball player and ex-quarterback, he was a national Punt, Pass and Kick and Hit, Run and Throw champion as a pre-teen. Keith Jennings flashed his 4.45-speed for 43 receptions and 959 yards last fall at Summerville.

Another touted Texas receiver is Reggie Davis of Jasper, who some scouts feel might be the premier prospect in the Lone Star State. The top player in Kansas is Marlon Washington of Schlagle High in Kansas City. He grabbed 54 receptions for 1,003 yards last fall and also played cornerback. He is a standout track long and high jumper and basketball regular. Terence Greene of Flint, MI, Central may have to decide between football and basketball for his college future. Timed in 4.45 seconds for 40 yards, he landed 24 passes for 615 yards and seven TDs last fall.

Scouts say it's not a good year for tight ends, but three of the best are Quintus McDonald of Montclair, NJ; Arthur Mitchell of Montgomery, AL, Jefferson Davis; and Andy Heck of Fairfax, VA, W. T. Woodson. McDonald, an all-state honoree, is labeled the "most versatile player I've coached in 44 years" by Butch Fortunato. Besides tight end, he saw action at wide receiver, tailback, fullback, defensive end, and linebacker and handled place-kicking chores. Mitchell is a talented athlete who was the state discus champion as a sophomore and an all-star basketball honoree. He was the only junior cited on the prestigious 12-state All-Southern team chosen by the Orlando *Sentinel*. Heck is a three-sport performer, too, and plays linebacker when not at tight end.

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Two of the most widely recruited linemen in California could be a pair of 6-foot-6 athletes: Brent Parkinson of Canyon and Rick Meyer of Salinas. Meyer is a topnotch basketball player, too.

The premier players in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Oklahoma could be linemen Eric Still of Germantown, TN; Vic Adams of Middlesboro, KY; and Eric Johnson of Tulsa, OK, Washington High. Still, a track weightman, was an all-star for an unbeaten state championship club. Adams is a four-year regular and all-stater, while Johnson is considered the best lineman in the history of the talent-rich school by coach Larry McGee.

East St. Louis, IL, has a rich football tradition, and coach Bob Shannon labels tackle Jeff Howard as possibly the best lineman the school has produced. The Louisiana Defensive Player of the Year returns in two-time all-state nose guard LeRoy Etienne of New Iberia. Charted with 142 tackles last fall, he's also a 22-foot long jumper and weightman in track. Rockhurst High of Kansas City captured the Missouri 5-A title last year, but the top lineman, Mark Van Keirsbilick, is still around and considered a "can't miss" prospect by coach Tony Severino. Mark Stepnoski has been honored both as an offensive tackle and linebacker. He is provoking wide recruiting interest. Some talent scouts regard big Fred Childress of West Helena, AR, as the premier interior lineman in the land. Last fall, he was credited with 166 tackles, including 15 sacks. He also handles place-kicking duties. Like Childress a 290-pound behemoth, Erie Hayes of Tampa, FL, King High is a 16-year-old man-child with unlimited potential.

KICKERS

Johnny Clark of Homewood set an Alabama record with a 53-yard field goal last fall. He hasn't missed on 32 career conversions and has nailed 10 of 15 three pointers. Bryan Carter of Greensboro, NC, like Clark an all-stater, has booted 13 of 23 field goals—including a 51-yarder—34 of 36 conversions, and kicked off into the end zone 94 percent of the time.

by DOUG HUFF
WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

Running back Brian Davis has scored 44 touchdowns over the last two years for Washington (PA) High School.

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Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1984

QUARTERBACKS	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Todd Ellis	6-3	200	Page	Greensboro, NC
Joey Hester	6-0	185	Cairo	Cairo, GA
Eric Mitchel	6-0	190	Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR
David Thompson	6-3	200	Daniel Hand	Madison, CT
RUNNING BACKS				
Brian Davis	5-11	190	Washington	Washington, PA
Aaron Emanuel	6-3	205	Quartz Hill	Quartz Hill, CA
D'Juan Francisco	5-11	180	Moeller	Cincinnati, OH
Keith Henderson	6-2	205	Cartersville	Cartersville, GA
Greg Moore	6-1	200	Huffman	Huffman, TX
James Rouse	6-0	195	Parkview	Little Rock, AR
Richard Smith	6-1	215	South Aiken	Aiken, SC
Sam Smith	6-2	210	Apopka	Apopka, FL
UTILITY BACKS				
Marc Hicks	6-2	195	Davis	Davis, CA
John Miller	6-2	195	Harrison	Farmington Hills, MI
WIDE RECEIVERS				
Reggie Davis	6-2	205	Jasper	Jasper, TX
Hart Lee Dykes	6-4	210	Bay City	Bay City, TX
Terence Greene	6-3	195	Central	Flint, MI
Keith Jennings	6-4	210	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Marlon Washington	6-1	185	Schlagle	Kansas City, KN
TIGHT ENDS				
Andy Heck	6-6	235	W. T. Woodson	Fairfax, VA
Quintus McDonald	6-4	220	Montclair	Montclair, NJ
Arthur Mitchell	6-5	215	Jeff Davis	Montgomery, AL
KICKERS				
Bryan Carter	5-8	155	Grimsley	Greensboro, NC
Johnny Clark	5-11	175	Homewood	Homewood, AL
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Vic Adams	6-3	255	Middlesboro	Middlesboro, KY
Eric Johnson	6-3	270	Washington	Tulsa, OK
Rick Meyer	6-6	230	Salinas	Salinas, CA
Brent Parkinson	6-6	225	Canyon	Canyon Country, CA
Mark Stepnoski	6-4	255	Cathedral Prep	Erie, PA
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Fred Childress	6-3	290	West Helena	Helena, AR
LeRoy Etienne	6-2	225	New Iberia	New Iberia, LA
Eric Hayes	6-3	290	King	Tampa, FL
Jeff Howard	6-4	240	East St. Louis	East St. Louis, IL
Eric Still	6-3	245	Germantown	Germantown, TN
Mark Van Keirsbilck	6-3	280	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
LINEBACKERS				
John Banaszak	6-5	225	Thornwood	South Holland, IL
Ned Bolcar	6-3	210	Phillipsburg	Phillipsburg, NJ
Scott Gob	6-1	242	Bethel Park	Pittsburgh, PA
J. J. Grant	6-1	230	Liverpool	Liverpool, NY
Lee Johnson	6-2	230	Hazelwood Central	Hazelwood, MO
Ed Monaghan	6-3	245	Bonner	Drexel Hill, Pa
Kurt Zackrison	6-4	225	York	Elmhurst, IL
DEFENSIVE ENDS				
Derrick Little	6-4	215	Clarke Central	Athens, GA
Richard Morrison	6-4	225	Brookville	Lynchburg, VA
Sean Ridley	6-3	205	Central	Omaha, NE
Damon Taylor	6-4	225	Chatard	Indianapolis, IN
Brent White	6-5	215	Stebbins	Dayton, OH
DEFENSIVE BACKS				
Mark Green	6-0	175	Polytechnic	Riverside, CA
Andre Rison	6-0	190	Northwestern	Flint, MI
Scott Thompson	6-1	195	Cascade	Everett, WA

Other Seniors to Watch

QUARTERBACKS

high school . . . . home town

Steve Belles . . . . St. Marys . . . . Phoenix, AZ
Scott Benglen . . . . Loveland . . . . Loveland, CO
Bruce Benson . . . . Seneca . . . . Seneca, SC
Craig Bergman . . . . Cloverdale . . . . Cloverdale, CA
Tom Bolyard . . . . Orrville . . . . Orrville, OH
Derris Braison . . . . Greenville . . . . Greenville, MS
George Breland . . . . Garfield . . . . Seattle, WA
Vince Bryant . . . . Hutchinson . . . . Hutchinson, KS
Jeff Bumgarner . . . . Hanford . . . . Richland, WA
Scott Crawford . . . . Cory-Rawson . . . . Findlay, OH
Sean Dimmick . . . . Corvallis . . . . Corvallis, OR
Greg Fielder . . . . Broomfield . . . . Broomfield, CO
Ron Flores . . . . Arroyo . . . . San Leandro, CA
Donovan Forbes . . . . Sterling . . . . Baytown, TX
Tim Gamache . . . . Rice Memorial . . . . Burlington, VT
Andy Genasci . . . . Reed . . . . Sparks, NV
Paul Ghilani . . . . Natick . . . . Natick, MA
Pete Graham . . . . Rumson . . . . Rumson, NJ
Ron Henderson . . . . Franklin Regional . . . . Franklin, PA
Jamelle Holieway . . . . Banning . . . . Wilmington, CA
Tom Hudson . . . . Central LaFourche . . . . Mathews, LA
Lynn James . . . . Navasota . . . . Navasota, TX
Ronald Jiles . . . . Madison . . . . Houston, TX
Leonard Johnson . . . . Clearwater . . . . Clearwater, FL
Michael Johnson . . . . Baldwin Park . . . . Baldwin Park, CA
Mike Jones . . . . Harding . . . . Bridgeport, CT
Terrance Jones . . . . Lutcher . . . . Lutcher, LA
Rich Kline . . . . Trinity . . . . Washington, PA
Victor Lay . . . . Aliquippa . . . . Aliquippa, PA
Dale Layton . . . . Shades Valley . . . . Birmingham, AL
Drew May . . . . Catholic . . . . Little Rock, AR
Kevin McNicholas . . . . Ridley . . . . Folsom, PA
Jamie Miramontes . . . . Fallbrook . . . . Fallbrook, CA
Leonard Mitchell . . . . Titusville . . . . Titusville, FL
Scooter Molander . . . . Corona del Sol . . . . Tempe, AZ
Steve Nadeau . . . . St. Raphael . . . . Pawtucket, RI
Chris Osgood . . . . Moss Point . . . . Moss Point, MS
Mitch Payne . . . . Union . . . . Tulsa, OK
Bob Peterson . . . . Palantine . . . . Palantine, IL
Paul Petrino . . . . Capital . . . . Helena, MT
Jeff Phillips . . . . Lees Summit . . . . Lees Summit, MO
Tom Poholsky . . . . Kirkwood . . . . St. Louis, MO
Kevin Potas . . . . Webster . . . . Webster, SD
Roselle Richardson . . . . Western Reserve . . . . Warren, OH
Jose Ruiz . . . . Jal . . . . Jal, NM
Dave Schnell . . . . Central . . . . Elkhart, IN
David Shanofsky . . . . St. Peter's . . . . New Brunswick, NJ
Kevin Smith . . . . South Salem . . . . Salem, OR
Mike Smith . . . . Beacon . . . . Beacon, NY
John Stollenwerck . . . . Highland Park . . . . Dallas, TX
Allen Sydlowski . . . . Brother Rice . . . . Birmingham, MI
Vish Talwalker . . . . Lafayette . . . . Lexington, KY
Michael Taylor . . . . Princeton . . . . Cincinnati, OH
Brad Walsh . . . . Summerville . . . . Summerville, SC
D'Andre Wells . . . . J.F. Kennedy . . . . Richmond, CA

RUNNING BACKS

Leo Addison . . . . Higgins . . . . Marrero, LA
Troy Balega . . . . Derry . . . . Derry, NJ
Richard Bass . . . . Central . . . . Omaha, NE
Brad Baxter . . . . Slocomb . . . . Slocomb, AL
Mike Botti . . . . Sachem . . . . Lake Ronkonkoma, NY
Troy Brooks . . . . Cheery Creek . . . . Englewood, CO
Steve Broussard . . . . Manual Arts . . . . Los Angeles, CA
Gene Brown . . . . Passaic Tech . . . . Passaic, NJ
Steve Brown . . . . Mechanicsburg . . . . Mechanicsburg, PA
Steve Bryant . . . . Hollywood Hills . . . . Hollywood, FL
Brad Burgmeier . . . . Wahlert . . . . Dubuque, IA
Bryce Cantrell . . . . Buford . . . . Buford, GA
Brian Carpenter . . . . North . . . . Olathe, KN
Mose Carter . . . . Wallace . . . . Gary, ID
Paul Carter . . . . Northwest . . . . Indianapolis, IN
John Cassimus . . . . Mountain Brook . . . . Brimingham, AL
Johnny Childs . . . . Hot Springs . . . . Hot Springs, AR
Chuck Cleveland . . . . Lakota . . . . Cincinnati, OH
Bruce Cole . . . . Lexington . . . . Lexington, MO
Scott Creagan . . . . Fort Vancouver . . . . Vancouver, WA
Ricky Davidson . . . . Bay City . . . . Bay City, TX
Michael Davis . . . . East Nashville . . . . Nashville, TN
Reggie Demby . . . . Lawrence . . . . Lawrence, KN
Craig Durant . . . . Maloney . . . . Meriden, CT
Blake Ezor . . . . Bishop Gorman . . . . Las Vegas, NV
James Fletcher . . . . Somerset . . . . Somerset, KY
Jon Florence . . . . Velva . . . . Velva, ND
Pierre Francis . . . . Eastern . . . . Middletown, KY
Steve Green . . . . Littlefield . . . . Littlefield, TX
Klay Guillot . . . . Holy Cross . . . . New Orleans, LA
Andy Hartlieb . . . . Marian Central . . . . Marian, IL
Rex Hawley . . . . Apex . . . . Apex, NC
Joe Henderson . . . . Leo . . . . Chicago, IL
Steve Heney . . . . Northbridge . . . . Northbridge, MA
Larry Hilliard . . . . Tatum . . . . Tatum, NM
Bryant Holloway . . . . Covington . . . . Covington, VA
Tony Holmes . . . . Central . . . . Little Rock, AR
Tork Hook . . . . Wayne . . . . Corydon, IA
Bobby Humphrey . . . . Glenn . . . . Brimingham, AL
Leon Hunt . . . . Notre Dame . . . . Lawrenceville, NJ
Howard Earl Jackson . . . . Deshler . . . . Deshler, AL
Gene Jelks . . . . Emma Sansom . . . . Gadsden, AL
Brian Johnson . . . . Westfield . . . . Spring, TX
Joe Johnson . . . . Longview . . . . Longview, TX
Mitchell Johnson . . . . Penn Hills . . . . Pittsburgh, PA
Bill Jones . . . . Corsicana . . . . Corsicana, TX
Kevin Jones . . . . Airport . . . . West Columbia, SC
Steve Jones . . . . Burbank . . . . Sacramento, CA
Dan Kaminski . . . . Memorial . . . . Waukesha, WI
Jim Konopka . . . . Glenbard West . . . . Glen Ellyn, IL
Sean LaFontaine . . . . Divine Child . . . . Dearborn, MI
Keith Lewis . . . . Silver Bluff . . . . Jackson, SC
Shane Manuel . . . . Washington . . . . Washington, NC
Bill Massey . . . . Jefferson . . . . Monticello, FL
Charles Matthews . . . . Santa Cruz . . . . Eloy, AZ
Brad Mayo . . . . West Orange . . . . West Orange, NJ
Wes McFadden . . . . Lewisville . . . . Lewisville, SC
Al McKinney . . . . Catholic . . . . Elyria, OH
Tyrone Meadows . . . . Giles . . . . Giles, VA
Randy Miskol . . . . Arvada . . . . Arvada, CO
James Moore . . . . Sexton . . . . Lansing, MI
Dwayne Morris . . . . Bethalto . . . . Bethalto, IL

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Other Seniors to Watch

Eugene Napoleon....St. Joseph....West New York, NJ
Mitchell Nash....Bartlesville....Bartlesville, OK
Darron Norris....El Camino....El Camino, CA
Tommy Palmer....Gilmer....Gilmer, TX
Felton Parquet....Destrehan....Destrehan, LA
Keith Pearson....Union....Tulsa, OK
Charles Perry....Bryan....Bryan, TX
Mike Phillips....Bayshore....Long Island, NY
Dan Porter....Allegheny....Cumberland, MD
John Rank....Nashua....Nashua, NH
Steve Ranninger....University....Spokane, WA
Andre Riley....Independence....San Jose, CA
Thomas Roquemore....Rockwall....Rockwall, TX
Ed Rowe....Provo....Provo, UT
Troy Russell....Person....Roxboro, NC
Craig Schmidt....Evergreen....Evergreen, CO
Heath Sherman....El Campo....El Campo, TX
Steve Shiner....Lakeville....Lakeville, MN
Mitch Smith....Smithfield-Selma....Smithfield, NC
Don Smitherton....McAllister....McAllister, OK
Andre Staton....Cambridge....Cambridge, MD
Jerome Staton....Southwest Edgecombe....Pinetops, NC
Tom Stowers....Hickman Mills....Hickman Mills, MO
Craig Swabek....Leonard....Lake Worth, FL
Daryl Taylor....Waltrip....Houston, TX
Mike Thedford....Fort Dodge....Fort Dodge, IA
Blair Thomas....Frankfort....Philadelphia, PA
Chris Thorpe....Fox Chapel....Pittsburgh, PA
Maurice Ware....Albion....Albion, MI
Chris Warren....Robinson....Fairfax, VA
Danny Warren....Liberty....Bethlehem, PA
Kenny Warren....McKeesport....McKeesport, PA
Jay Wheeler....West Burlington....West Burlington, IA
Odell Wilson....Brockton....Brockton, MA
Vince Workman....Dublin....Dublin, OH
Tim Worley....Lumberton....Lumberton, NC

UTILITYBACKS

Raphael Abercrombie....Aliquippa....Aliquippa, PA
Derek Abitz....Ansonia....Ansonia, CT
Mike Anderson....DeMatha....Hyattsville, MD
Bernard Ballard....College Park....College Park, GA
Ken Burgess....Ridley....Folsom, PA
Lawrence Burkley....Oxnard....Oxnard, CA
Carlos Cheattom....Muscle Shoals....Muscle Shoals, AL
Jerrod Delaney....Madison....Houston, TX
John Eastling....West Jones....Laurel, MS
Dan Eddy....Parkersburg....Parkersburg, WV
Judd Garrett....University School....Chagrin Falls, OH
Antoine Harris....Randallstown....Randallstown, MD
Joe Holmes....Manteo....Elizabeth City, NC
Tim Hutton....Rincon....Tucson, AZ
Johnny Jackson....Harlingen....Harlingen, TX
Randy Keiser....North Miami Beach....North Miami, FL
Jim Littrell....Hartselle....Hartselle, AL
Carlos McGee....Christian Brothers....Clayton, MO
Eric Metcalf....O'Connell....Arlington, VA
Ed Michaels....Valley West....Plymouth, PA
Shannon Mornhinweg....Oak Grove....San Jose, CA
Barry Quinlin....Brush....Brush, CO
Darin Roberts....Franklin Township....Somerset, NJ
Tim Rosenbach....Pullman....Pullman, WA
Mark Roshell....Chippewa Falls....Chippewa Falls, WI
Ken Sally....Morristown....Morristown, NJ
Derrick Westfield....Northrop....Fort Wayne, IN
Troy Willis....Willow Run....Ann Arbor, MI

WIDE RECEIVERS

Marco Battle....Phenix City....Phenix City, AL
Jim Burke....Walpole....Walpole, MA
Desmond Cerceo....Cleveland....Reseda, CA
Steve Cullman....Northeast....Philadelphia, PA
Steve Dattomer....Driscoll....Lombard, IL
Mike Diminick....Mount Carmel....Mount Carmel, PA
Ray Dumas....East....Hazelwood, MO
Derrick Eggers....Deary....Deary, ID
Mark Fogt....Grundy Center....Grundy Center, IA
Alan Foret....Midland....Midland, TX
Darrin Gillaspes....Wilmer-Hutchins....Dallas, TX
Willie Haywood....Woodlawn....Brimingham, AL
Clarkston Hines....Bolles....Jacksonville, FL
Steve Hlavach....Howell Township....Farmington, NJ
Craig Hudson....East Aurora....Aurora, IL
Keith Jeffries....John Hay....Cleveland, OH
Maurice Johnson....Roosevelt....Washington, DC
Travis Knox....San Dieguito....Encinitas, CA
Kevin Knutson....Enumclaw....Enumclaw, WA
Chris Lee....Park Hill....Kansas City, MO
Kip Lewis....St. Francis....La Canada, CA
Pat Lienen....Ralston....Ralston, NE
Mark Lumpa....Iowa City....Iowa City, IA
Lance Malot....Peru....Peru, IN
Ed Matson....Lockport Township....Lockport, IL
Shawn McNeil....Williams....Alexandria, VA
Stafford Moser....Page....Greensboro, NC
Ken Page....West....Aurora, IL
Terrance Parks....Central....Carrollton, GA
Turner Pierce....Lakewood....Lakewood, NJ
Kelvin Richardson....Byrnes....Duncan, SC
Brad Shields....Martinsville....Martinsville, IN
Kenneth Smith....Nacogdoches....Nacogdoches, TX
Bryan Snyder....Sunnyslope....Phoenix, AZ
Don Stokes....Hopewell....Hopewell, VA
Andre Thomas....Radford....Honolulu, HI
Edward Thomas....Washington....New Orleans, LA
Steve Wallace....North....Lawrence, IN
Marc Warrington....St. Xavier....Louisville, KY
Scott Whittaker....Kempsville....Virginia Beach, VA
J.J. Williams....Livermore....Livermore, CA
Percy Wilson....Martin County....Stuart, FL
Mike Winfield....Manzano....Albuquerque, NM
Darnell Woods....Chula Vista....Chula Vista, CA
Thomas Woods....Gallatin....Gallatin, TN

TIGHT ENDS

Ken Barefoot....Princess Anne....Virginia Beach, VA
Jeff Bennett....Glens Falls....Glens Falls, NY
Mike Bittermann....Fort Lee....Fort Lee, NJ
Ron Carroll....Garfield....Akron, OH
Chris Caudle....Jones....Huntsville, AL
James Coley....Lee....Jacksonville, FL
Sam Collins....Dunbar....Lubbock, TX
Kenneth Davidson....Huntington....Shreveport, LA
Darrell Davis....Midland....Midland, TX
Ron Evans....Issaquah....Issaquah, WA
Tom Gorman....Brother Rice....Chicago, IL
Wally Hartley....Broadmoore....Baton Rouge, LA
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Terrence Humphrey . . . Johnson . . . Huntsville, AL
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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT *MIAMI NEWS*

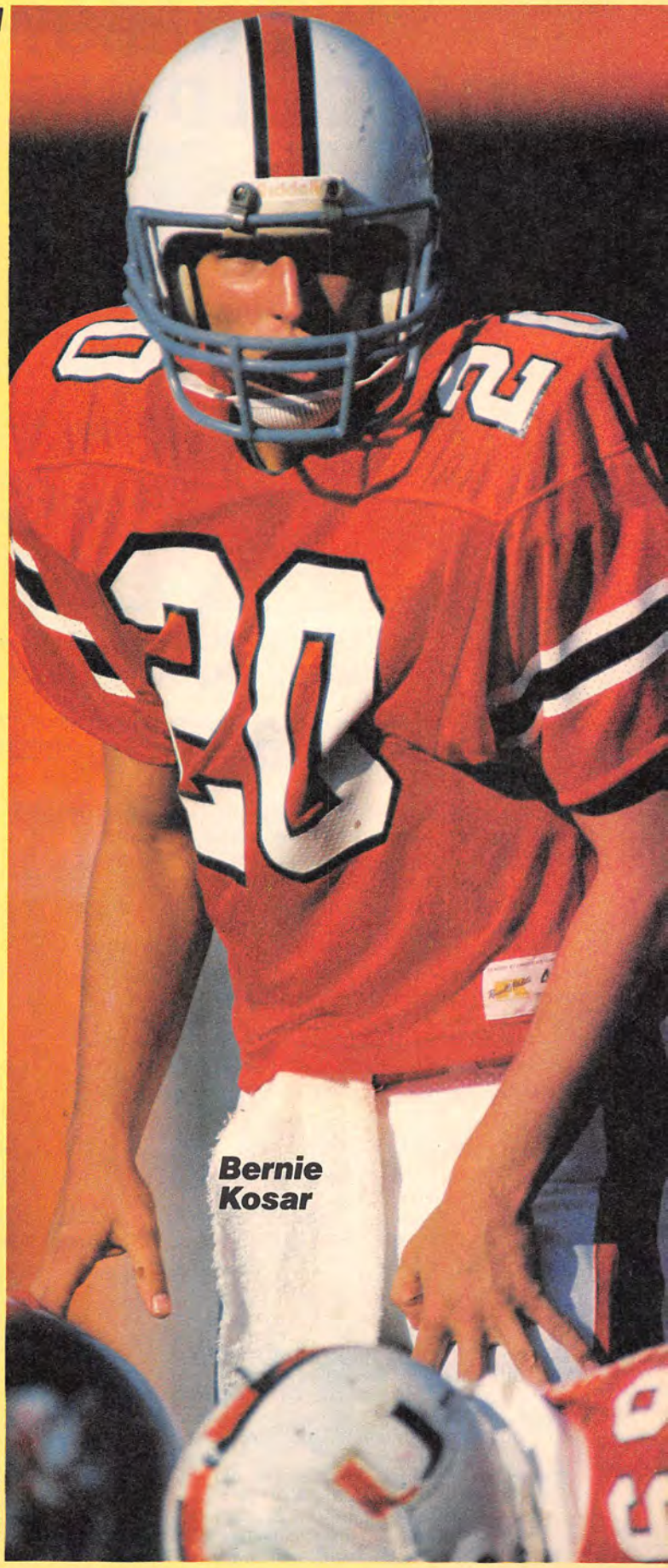
The atmosphere in the dining room at the Miami Lakes Inn was quiet and not a little tense. In less than three hours, the upstart University of Miami Hurricanes would take on what many considered the greatest college football team ever in coach Tom Osborne's University of Nebraska. A victory in the 50th Orange Bowl seemed unlikely, even to most die-hard supporters of the Hurricanes; a national championship appeared unthinkable.

Suddenly, the silence was broken as a graduate assistant ran into the room, yelling: "Texas fumbled the punt. They fumbled the punt and Georgia is going in for a touchdown."

Not only did Vince Dooley's Bulldogs beat the previously undefeated and second-ranked Longhorns, 10-9, in the Cotton Bowl on January 2, but they removed the penultimate obstacle in the Hurricanes' drive for their first national football championship. All that was needed was a victory that evening over the Cornhuskers, a feat that had last been accomplished by Penn State in the third game of the 1982 season.

And what a victory it turned out to be. In what will be remembered as one of the most exciting games of all time, Miami quickly bolted to a 17-0 lead and then held on for dear life to shock the Huskers, 31-30, when safety Kenny Calhoun batted away the potential winning two-point conversion pass from Turner Gill to Jeff Smith with 48 seconds left. As the sellout crowd poured onto the Orange Bowl, the Miami players carried their coach, Howard Schnellenberger, all around the field in a wild victory celebration. For everyone knew at that moment that the Hurricanes had reached their goal as the No. 1 team in the nation. Not even Auburn, which matched Miami's record of 11-1 following a 9-7 win over Michigan in the Sugar Bowl, stood a chance of denying the Hurricanes the top ranking in the final polls.

The Hurricanes' victory was as improbable as the sequence of events that led to the national title. Unranked by most of the pollsters when the season began, Miami pinned its hopes on a gangly, 6-foot-5 quarterback named Bernie Kosar. A freshman, Kosar beat out Vinnie Testaverde and Kyle Vanderwende as Jim Kelly's replacement and provided the spark that perhaps eluded Kelly in his term with the Hurricanes. He guided a team with 57 freshmen and sophomores to the top. In the Orange Bowl, he set a record by passing for 300 yards. Had it not been for an interception by



Bernie Kosar

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Nebraska's Dave Burke in the second quarter—which led to the Huskers' first touchdown, on a play dubbed the "fumblerooskie"—Miami might have led 24-0, and the game would have been history then and there.

The 'Canes' secondary kept a watchful eye on Gill, Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, and flanker Irving Fryar all night, refusing to allow them to produce the numbers that permitted Nebraska to roll up a record 624 points during a 12-0 regular season. But it was left to reserve linebacker Jack Fernandez, who replaced the injured Ken Sisk after the first play of the game, who led the swarming Miami defense with 15 tackles and an interception that led to a score. In a way, Fernandez exemplified the entire Miami team: unheralded and clutch.

Miami's season started predictably enough, with a 28-3 shellacking at the hands of bitter rival Florida in Gainesville. Although Schnellenberger was at first devastated by the loss, what he saw in the films (Kosar's 24 completions in 45 attempts for 223 yards) made him think the team had a lot more potential than was first thought. Victories over Houston and Purdue didn't surprise anyone. The first big stir came on national television against Notre Dame, one of the preseason favorites for the national championship. Miami shut out the Fighting Irish, 20-0, and made its first appearance in the top 20. Easy wins over Duke, Louisville, Mississippi State, and Cincinnati moved the team higher in the rankings. Meanwhile, Nebraska was the weekly choice for No. 1.

With a 7-1 record, Miami faced its toughest challenge in West Virginia, ranked third prior to its loss to Penn State the preceding week. But the Hurricanes frustrated quarterback Jeff Hostetler for a 20-3 triumph. That win, coupled with Maryland's upset of North Carolina, suddenly made Miami's path to the Orange Bowl as distinct as the yellow brick road. Dramatic victories over East Carolina (12-7 after a Pirate player dropped a potential game-winning touchdown in the end zone as time ran out) and Florida State (17-16 on Miami kicker Jeff Davis's 19-yard field goal on the last play of the game) set the stage for the showdown with Nebraska.

While Miami was making its climb up the top 20 ladder, the Cornhuskers were having little problem with their opponents. Other than a 14-10 victory over Oklahoma State and a 28-21 triumph over Oklahoma, the Huskers were never challenged. But in the end, the Hurricanes proved that on any given day (or night)...well, you know the rest.

In other bowl action on January 2, Georgia quarterback Jeff Lastinger ran 17 yards for the game's only touchdown—with 3:22 remaining—as the Bulldogs spoiled Texas's national title hopes with a 10-9 victory in the Cotton Bowl. The Longhorns finished at 11-1, while Georgia closed at 9-1-1.

In the Sugar Bowl, Auburn used three field goals by Al Del Greco, the final one coming with 19 seconds left, as the Tigers survived a scare from Michigan. Perhaps a more impressive victory would have allowed Pat Dye's team to claim the national title, but it wasn't to be, although the Tigers played the NCAA's most difficult schedule.

In the Rose Bowl, Illinois (10-1) the Big Ten Conference champion, also had dreams of winning it all. But those dreams turned to nightmares as a mediocre UCLA team (just 6-4-1 in the regular season) crushed the Illini, 45-9. It was the Illini's first trip to Pasadena in 20 years.

In the Fiesta Bowl, Thad Jemison caught a 39-yard touchdown pass from Mike Tomczak with 39 seconds to play to lift Ohio State to a 28-23 win over Pittsburgh. Prior to Jemison's grab, Pitt had taken a 23-21 led on Snuffy Everett's 37-yard field goal with 2:39 left. The win gave the Buckeyes their fourth straight 9-3 season, while Pittsburgh finished at 8-3-1.

In other postseason games, Oklahoma State beat Baylor, 24-14, in the Bluebonnet Bowl; Florida topped Iowa, 14-6, in the Gator Bowl; Florida State swamped North Carolina, 28-3, in the Peach Bowl; Notre Dame nipped Boston College, 19-18, in the Liberty Bowl; Penn State beat Washington, 13-10, in the Aloha Bowl; Alabama crushed SMU, 28-7, in the Sun Bowl; Brigham Young defeated Missouri, 21-17, in the Holiday Bowl; West Virginia beat Kentucky, 20-16, in the Hall of Fame Bowl; Tennessee defeated Maryland, 30-23, in the Citrus Bowl; Air Force conquered Mississippi, 9-3, in the Independence Bowl; and Northern Illinois beat Fullerton State, 20-13, in the California Bowl.

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Kevin Butler provided the margin of victory in Georgia's 10-9 win over Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

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Marcus Dupree forfeited his senior year for the USFL.

Penn State, the defending national champion, had its ups and downs in 1983. Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions lost their first three contests, including a 44-6 blowout to Nebraska in the inaugural Kickoff Classic, but they rebounded to finish 8-4-1, including the aforementioned win over Washington in the Aloha Bowl.

Two unexpected losses struck the game in 1983. Paul "Bear" Bryant, the winningest coach in college gridiron history, died less than a month after he had retired as Alabama's head coach and turned the reins over to former Crimson Tide star and New York Giants' coach Ray Perkins. Also, Georgia's Heisman Trophy winner, Herschel Walker, defected to the United States Football League, passing up his senior year.

Notre Dame, with high hopes for a national championship for embattled coach Gerry Faust, finished 6-5, and after much consternation accepted a Liberty Bowl bid.

Southern Cal, under new coach Ted Tollner, was 4-6-1, the school's first losing season in 22 years.

Southern Methodist, snubbed in its efforts to reach a major bowl despite losing for the first time in nearly two years (a one-point setback to Texas), played uninspired ball against Alabama in the Sun Bowl and wound up with a 10-2 record.

Oklahoma, which saw Heisman Trophy candidate Marcus Dupree quit school, enter Southern Mississippi, and then drop out to sign a USFL contract, refused invitations to participate in a bowl game.

And then there was Clemson, denied a postseason game again because of NCAA probation. The Tigers once more finished 9-1-1. The probation ends in November, but the Altantic Coast Conference had slapped the Tigers with an additional penalty that exludes them from a bowl.

In Division I-AA, it was the year of the Salukis from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Led by quarterback Rick Johnson and tailback Derrick Taylor, SIU went undefeated through its first ten games before losing a Missouri Valley Contest, 28-6, to Wichita State. While the loss kept the Salukis from winding up in a tie for the conference title with Tulsa, it didn't stop them from advancing to the I-AA playoffs. (Tulsa is a Division I-A team, and thus ineligible for the playoffs). In the first round, the Salukis disposed of Indiana State, 23-7. They followed that up a week later by beating Nevada-Reno by the same score in the semifinals. Both games were played at McAndrew Stadium on the SIU campus. Then it was on to the title game for a matchup against Western Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina. Before a crowd of 15,950, the Salukis rolled to a 43-7 rout, a 13-1 record, and the best season in the school's history. SIU averaged 32 points per game while holding opponents to an average of 12.7. Taylor was the leading rusher in '83 for SIU, with 182 carries for 695 yards and ten touchdowns. He completed 152 of 287 passes for 1,999 yards and another ten TDs.

Division II: Led by freshman quarterback Jeff Bentrim, North Dakota State scored on its first three possessions and breezed to a 31-21 win over Central Ohio in the title game (the Palm Bowl) at McAllen, Texas. It was the first championship for the Bison, who had appeared in the title game the past two years. Bentrim, who took over as the starter after the fifth game of the season, threw a ten-yard scoring passs, ran 34 yards for another TD, and pitched out to Chad Stark on the option play for a one-yard score to account for the 21-0 first-quarter lead. Coached by Billy Joe, North Dakota State finished with a 13-1 record.

Division III: Augustana (Illinois) rallied from a ten-point deficit, then held off Union (New York) for a 21-17 triumph in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Kings Island, Ohio, to capture the Division III championship. The victory capped a perfect 12-0 season for the Vikings, who defeated Adrian, 22-21, and then Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 21-15, to reach the title game. Augustana quarterback Jay Penney pitched touchdown passes of ten, ten, and two yards, the two-yarder coming at the 3:09 mark of the fourth quarter. Union then marched to the Vikings' 17-yard line, where quarterback Dave Stewart, who threw for 223 yards, failed to connect on three passes as the Flying Dutchmen came up short.

NAIA: Carson-Newman, which lost its first two games and finished with a regular-season mark of 7-3, somehow managed to capture its first-ever NAIA championship. After securing a berth in the playoffs with just a No. 12 ranking, Carson-Newman breezed past Shepherd (WV), 42-21, in a first-round contest and Saginaw Valley, 41-7, in the semifinals. Then it was on to the title game against Mesa College (AZ) at Grand Junction, Colorado. After Mesa took a 7-0 lead, the Eagles' Ken Tyson raced 100 yards with the ensuing kickoff, and Carson-Newman was off and running, taking a 27-13 half-time lead en route to a 36-28 win. The Eagles' Larry Smith ran for 125 yards and two TDs and quarterback Jeff Joslin threw for 111 yards and another score. ***continued***

Rick Johnson (#16) led Southern Illinois to the I-AA title.

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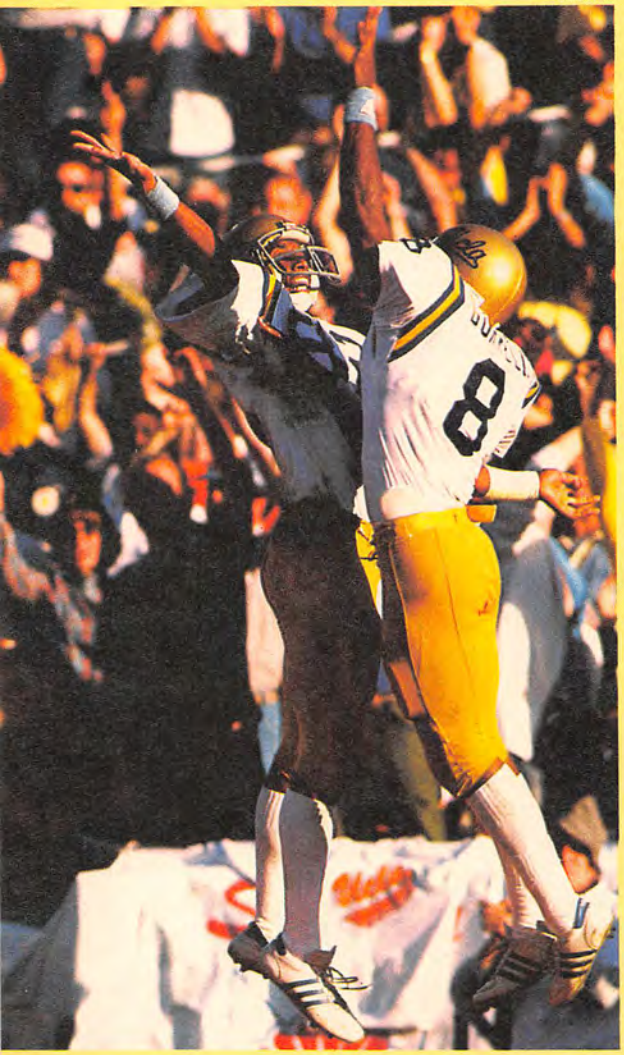


ORANGE BOWL

Miami	17	0	14	0—31
Nebraska	0	14	3	13—30

SCORING
Miami . . . . . Dennison 2 pass from Kosar (J. Davis kick)
Miami . . . . . FG J. Davis 45
Miami . . . . . Dennison 22 pass from Kosar (J. Davis kick)
Nebraska . . . . Steinkuhler 19 run with intentional fumble by QB Gill (Livingston kick)
Nebraska . . . . Gill 1 run (Livingston kick)
Nebraska . . . . FG Livingston 34
Miami . . . . . Highsmith 1 run (J. Davis kick)
Miami . . . . . Bentley 7 run ((J. Davis kick)
Nebraska . . . . J. Smith 1 run (Livingston kick)
Nebraska . . . . J. Smith 24 run (pass failed)
Attendance: . . 72,549

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Miami, Highsmith, 7-50, Bentley 10-46, K. Griffin 9-41. Nebraska, M. Rozier 25-147, J. Smith 9-99, Gill 11-19.
Passing: Miami, Kosar 19-35-1-300. Nebraska, Gill 16-30-1-172.
Receiving—Miami, E. Brown 6-115, Shakespeare 3-63, Dennison 3-44. Nebraska, Fryar 5-61, Simmons 2-36, Kimball 2-21.

SUGAR BOWL

Michigan	7	0	0	0—7
Auburn	0	0	3	6—9

SCORING
Michigan . . . . S. Smith 4 run (Bergeron kick)
Auburn . . . . . FG Del Greco 31
Auburn . . . . . FG Del Greco 32
Auburn . . . . . FG Del Greco 19
Attendance: . . 77,893

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Michigan, Rogers 17-86, S. Smith 9-14, Auburn, Jackson 22-130, Agee 16-93, James 18-83.
Passing: Michigan, S. Smith 9-25-1-125. Auburn, Campbell 2-6-1-21.
Receiving—Michigan, Markray 3-68, Bean 3-37, Nelson 3-20. Auburn, James 1-15, Jackson 1-6.

COTTON BOWL

Georgia	3	0	0	7—10
Texas	3	0	6	0— 9

SCORING
Texas . . . . . FG Ward 22
Georgia. . . . . FG Butler 43
Texas . . . . . FG Ward 40
Texas . . . . . FG Ward 27
Georgia . . . . . Lastinger 17 run (Butler kick)
Attendance: . . 67,871

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Georgia, Montgomery 11-40, Lane 1-35, Lastinger 12-19. Texas, Robinson 28-88, Orr 7-19, Walker 2-8.
Passing: Georgia, Lastinger 6-18-1-66, Archie 0-1-0-0. Texas, McIvor 8-26-2-168.
Receiving: Georgia, Harris 2-33, Wisham 1-14,S. Williams 1-11. Texas, Micho 2-59, Epps 1-44, Bryant 2-41.

ROSE BOWL

Illinois	0	3	0	6— 9
UCLA	7	21	10	7—45

SCORING
UCLA . . . . . Bermann 3 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
Illinois . . . . . FG White 41
UCLA . . . . . Nelson 28 run (Lee kick)
UCLA . . . . . Dorrell 16 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
UCLA . . . . . Young 53 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
UCLA . . . . . Dorrell 15 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
Illinois . . . . . Rooks 5 pass from Trudeau (pass failed)
UCLA . . . . . Wiley 8 run (Lee kick)
Attendance: . . 103,217

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Illinois, Bevery 4-22, Rooks 8-21. UCLA, Cephous 12-86, Nelson 18-69, Wiley 6-26.
Passing: Illinois, Trudeau 23-39-3-178, Cruz 2-8-1-27. UCLA, Neuheisel 22-31-0-298, Bono 0-1-0-0.
Receiving—Illinois, Williams 10-88, Rooks 6-35, Brewster 5-60. UCLA, Young 5-129, Dorrell 5-61, Bergmann 4-54, Sherrard 4-25.

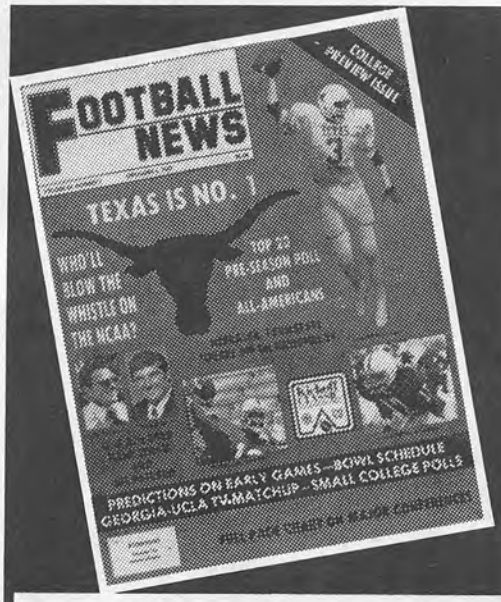
FIESTA BOWL

Ohio State	7	7	0	14—28
Pittsburgh	0	7	0	16—23

SCORING
Ohio State . . . Tomczak 3 run (Spangler kick)
Pittsburgh . . . Wilson 6 pass from Congemi (Everett kick)
Pittsburgh . . . Wilson fumble recovery in end zone (Everett kick)
Ohio State . . . Byars 99 kickoff return (Spangler kick)
Pittsburgh . . . Collins 11 pass from Congemi (pass failed)
Pittsburgh . . . FG Everett 37
Ohio State . . . Jemison 39 pass from Tomczak (Spangler kick)
Attendance: . . 66,484

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Ohio St., Byars 15-73, Broadnax 6-38, Woodridge 7-31, Bates 6-21, Tomczak 12-21. Pitt, McCall 26-115, Congemi 6-20, Bailey 4-10, McIntyre 1-1.
Passing: Ohio St., Tomczak 15-32-1-226. Pitt, Congemi 31-44-2-341, Jelic 0-2-0-0.
Receiving: Ohio St., Jemison 8-131, Frank 4-57, Byars 2-21, Anderson 1-17. Pitt, Wallace 8-97, McCall 6-75, Collins 7-72, Casper 2-41, Wilson 5-35, McIntyre 2-11, Bailey 1-7.

UCLA had a lot to celebrate in a 45-9 Rose Bowl win.



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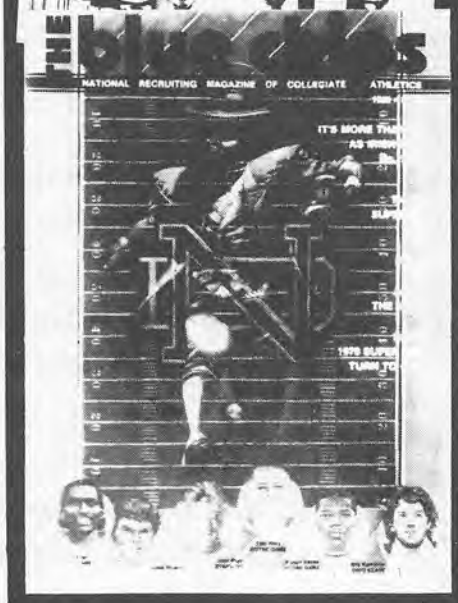

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12. Brigham Young
13. Texas A&M
14. UCLA
15. Alabama
16. Pittsburgh
17. Oklahoma
18. Florida
19. Texas
20. Oklahoma State

Street & Smith's 1984 All-Americas

OFFENSE

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deep south

by ALF VAN HOOSE
BIRMINGHAM NEWS

Deep Dixie college football may be No. 1 again in the land. It probably was in 1983. Figures support that boast. Seven Southeastern Conference delegates went bowling, with definitely an "us against y'all" attitude. Five SEC teams won. Additionally, Miami knocked off Nebraska for the national championship in the Orange Bowl and underdog Florida State mangled North Carolina in the Peach Bowl. Leading up to all that was the SEC's best conference mark against outsiders, coast-to-coast, in regular-season matches. Can it sustain its momentum? Probably not. History shouts against that. It has chronicled too many sectional ups-and-downs.

On paper, an overall inexperienced quarterback situation dominates the SEC picture. Big games are too often decided by big quarterbacks, offensive leaders battle-scarred and proven. Miami has a gem going for its Hurricanes, Bernie Kosar. In the SEC, LSU, Vanderbilt, and Ole Miss have good quarterbacks. Tennessee had one—until Alan Cockrell chose the San Francisco Giants over a final football campaign. But in other big-power places head coaches are frantically working overtime to polish young quarterbacks. Some of the rookies will prove winners. Some won't. That's the rebuilding law.

If defense is more important than offense, chalk up a mighty plus for the SEC. It has an explosion of talent among kicking people also. Probably never before in its 52-year history has the SEC been blessed with more gold-quality defenders. Every member has 'em. Auburn, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida brag of several.

Pat Dye of an Auburn likely to repeat its conference championship also has a No. 34, a number distinguished by Herschel Walker at Georgia. It identifies Bo Jackson. He could be the game's most gifted athlete. Ever. He's 6-2, 222, and pro scouts shook their stopwatches in disbelief when they read 4.2 after Jackson ran a 40 in the spring. He made All-America as a sophomore in '83, visibly improving each game. As a Birmingham-area prepper he won a state track meet as a junior, including a 9.4 dash, and after a senior season snubbed George Steinbrenner and a six-figure Yankee baseball bonus. He announced he wanted to win a Heisman Trophy. He probably will.

Alabama and Florida are considered chief threats to dislodge Auburn. Bama's strength is defense; Florida is stout in trenchmen. Even during the memorable three Walker years, Georgia's defense was a co-star with Herschel. The Junkyard Dogs took command again in '83. They finally dehorned Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Vince Dooley's stop-em unit is his ace again. LSU flopped in 1983, and pro-defense expert Bill Arnsparger was moved in to replace Jerry Stovall. If Arnsparger builds a defense, look out for the Bengal Tigers. They will score points on offense. Tennessee was the league's leading defender last season, to prolonged John Majors applause. For two years the Vols ranked tenth against SEC scoring. Jerry Claiborne continues to build solidly at Kentucky. He'll surprise some foes, with Bill Ransdell pitching to several slick catchers. The Wildcats, for sure, will battle to exhaustion on defense. Ole Miss was a conference surprise during Billy Brewer's first term. The Rebs are still shy on manpower but not on ambition. Vanderbilt will score. George MacIntyre teaches attack, superbly. But can the Commodores stop anyone? That's unlikely after the casualties of early games. Mississippi State's program has gone in reverse, yet coach Emory Bellard thinks it'll turn around. However, that would be an upset in a rebuilding season.

Miami, as king of the land, was the class of Dixie independents last season. Howard Schnellenberger patiently, steadfastly fulfilled a five-year promise to skeptical Hurricane people. Had Schnellenberger not jumped ship for the USFL Federals, Miami might have run at two straight. Talent abounds, led by child star Kosar. The coaching transition—Oklahoma State's Jimmy Johnson replaces Schnellenberger—will handicap Miami. It'll be pressured greatly in 12 early-season days, against Auburn, August 27; Florida, September 1; Michigan, September 8.

Florida State slumped a year ago. Bobby Bowden vows to break that skid. He has a great running back, Greg Allen, as his ace. Southern Mississippi has one of those game-breaking runners, too. Sam Dejarnette. Marcus Dupree didn't stick around. Tulane harvested richly in junior-college players after Wally English's 4-7 first year. English vows to stay out of the courts this time. He was in and out of there most of '83, buying time for his son Jon to be his quarterback. Memphis State goes with a fresh head coach, proven winner Rey Dempsey from Division I-AA national champ Southern Illinois. Rex Dockery had improved the Tigers from 1-10 to 6-4-1 before he lost his life in a plane crash. Dempsey's debut should be brightened by returning quarterback Danny Sparkman. Bob Weber reports more experience as a Louisville asset but no one in sight to replace pass phenom Dean May. Tennessee State counted last season as a rebuilding one. Bill Thomas succeeds the late John Merritt, whose last team went 8-2-1.

predictions

southeastern conference
1. Auburn, 2. Alabama, 3. Florida, 4. Louisiana State, 5. Tennessee, 6. Georgia, 7. Kentucky, 8. Mississippi, 9. Vanderbilt, 10. Mississippi State

independents
1. Miami, 2. Florida State, 3. Memphis State, 4. Southern Miss, 5. Tulane, 6. Tennessee State, 7. Louisville, 8. Louisiana

ohio valley conference
1. Eastern Kentucky, 2. Murray State, 3. Middle Tennessee, 4. Akron, 5. Youngstown State, 6. Austin Peay, 7. Tennessee Tech, 8. Morehead State

gulf south conference
1. North Alabama, 2. Mississippi College, 3. Livingston, 4. Troy State, 5. UT-Martin, 6. Jacksonville State, 7. Valdosta State, 8. Delta State, 9. West Georgia

Auburn stars: tailback Bo Jackson (#34), defensive linemen Ben Thomas (#91) and Gerald Robinson, and linebacker Gregg Carr (#54)

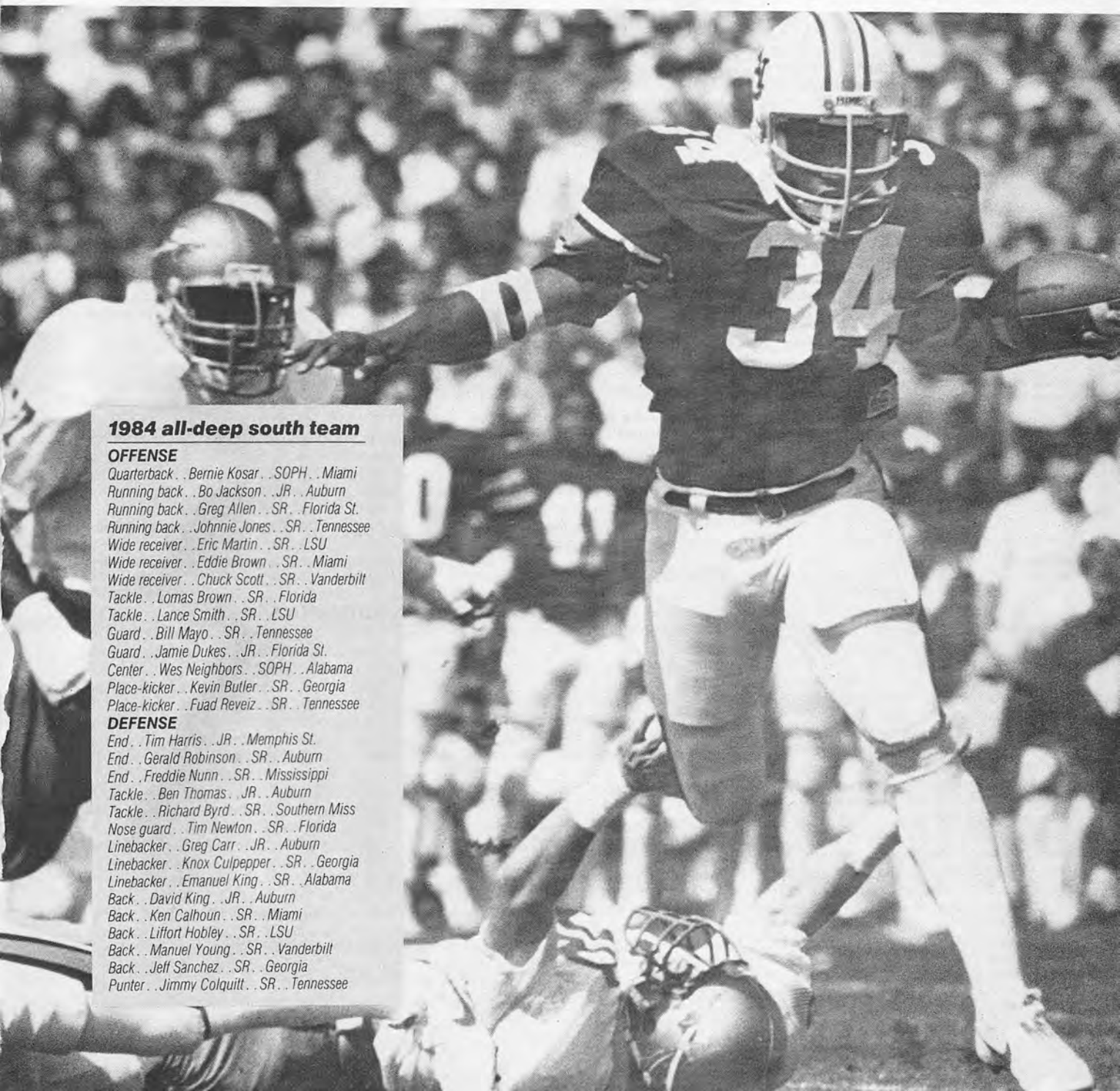
AUBURN

Pat Dye really doesn't know where to start counting his blessings. Should he begin with Bo Jackson, his 222-pound awesome halfback with Olympics speed and nuclear power? Jackson made the South forget Herschel. He may be better. (Georgia's man peaked as a freshman. Two college and two pro years later, he's never been as exciting or effective.) Jackson has grown better and more dangerous each week. He gained 1,213 rushing yards as an '83 sophomore, at a 7.7-yard-per-carry clip, both SEC highs. Had he so chosen, he might have won the Olympics decathon, or been bashing home runs in Yankee Stadium. He opted for Auburn football. Isn't Dye lucky?

Dye also has All-America defenders going for him in 1984. He admits to four: end Gerald Robinson (245), tackle Ben Thomas (275), linebacker Greg Carr (215), and cornerback David King 173.

Balance marked Auburn's surge to No. 3 in the country last year. If a quarterback is located to handle the wishbone—and remember to call Jackson's number when chain moving is required—the Tigers could go 11-1 again. At spring's end, junior Pat Washington (198) was the man. He backed up gritty, no-error operator Randy Campbell a year ago.

Otherwise Dye has graded winners at every spot. On offense, ex-quarterback Clayton Beauford (185) is now a wide receiver; future star Jeff Parks (236) is the tight end. Steve Wallace (264) and Rob Shuler (232) should open as tackles; Steve Wilson (279) and Randy Stokes (270) are the guards. Ben Tamburello (252) had spring knee surgery but is penciled in at center. Washington is listed in the full-house wishbone backfield with Jackson,



1984 all-deep south team

OFFENSE

Quarterback . . Bernie Kosar . . SOPH . . Miami
Running back . . Bo Jackson . . JR . . Auburn
Running back . . Greg Allen . . SR . . Florida St.
Running back . . Johnnie Jones . . SR . . Tennessee
Wide receiver . . Eric Martin . . SR . . LSU
Wide receiver . . Eddie Brown . . SR . . Miami
Wide receiver . . Chuck Scott . . SR . . Vanderbilt
Tackle . . Lomas Brown . . SR . . Florida
Tackle . . Lance Smith . . SR . . LSU
Guard . . Bill Mayo . . SR . . Tennessee
Guard . . Jamie Dukes . . JR . . Florida St.
Center . . Wes Neighbors . . SOPH . . Alabama
Place-kicker . . Kevin Butler . . SR . . Georgia
Place-kicker . . Fuad Reveiz . . SR . . Tennessee

DEFENSE

End . . Tim Harris . . JR . . Memphis St.
End . . Gerald Robinson . . SR . . Auburn
End . . Freddie Nunn . . SR . . Mississippi
Tackle . . Ben Thomas . . JR . . Auburn
Tackle . . Richard Byrd . . SR . . Southern Miss
Nose guard . . Tim Newton . . SR . . Florida
Linebacker . . Greg Carr . . JR . . Auburn
Linebacker . . Knox Culpepper . . SR . . Georgia
Linebacker . . Emanuel King . . SR . . Alabama
Back . . David King . . JR . . Auburn
Back . . Ken Calhoun . . SR . . Miami
Back . . Liffort Hobley . . SR . . LSU
Back . . Manuel Young . . SR . . Vanderbilt
Back . . Jeff Sanchez . . SR . . Georgia
Punter . . Jimmy Colquitt . . SR . . Tennessee

Brent Fullwood (196) or Alan Evans (196), and fullback Tommie Agee (210).

The defense is not so large, or as swift, but may be more ill-tempered. Bruising Robinson's end mate is John Dailey (216). Ben Thomas scored higher grades a year ago than the pro-departed Doug Smith and Donnie Humphrey. He, Gerald Williams (271), and Harold Hallman (234) complete a front five. Pat Thomas (216) works at linebacker with redheaded unit leader Carr. King and Alvin Briggs (178) man the corners, Tommy Powell (185) and Vic Beasley (188) the safety spots.

Lewis Colbert punts; walk-on Robert McGinity will handle field goals and extra points. Veteran reserves are pushy people at Auburn, and Dye's recruiters assured further good times down the road. Prep analysts insist Auburn's freshman crop is one of the country's best.

ALABAMA

It wasn't easy—no one expected it to be—but Ray Perkins got through that first Bama season after Paul Bryant. The team played best late. It toe-to-toed it with Auburn before two fourth-quarter interceptions killed its dream, 23-20, and regrouped and murdered SMU in the Sun Bowl, 28-7. Perkins baptized a host of freshmen early. They were men in late November. Peers voted Perkins, after spring drills, as the coach with the best chance of overhauling Auburn this go-round.

Bama has no out-front quarterback. Soph Mike Shula, Don's kid, was No. 1 in early spring until injuries sidelined him. He's O.K. now, ready to battle incoming freshmen Gene Newberry and Vince Sutton as director of Perkins's pro-style offense. Newberry, a hotshot from Arkansas, entered school in January and did passably well in spring practice. Sutton came over several times from Georgia to scout his competition. He was advertised as the country's No. 1 prep quarterback talent.

Alabama returns six starters on offense, nine on defense. Also back are pro-quality kickers Terry Sanders (punts, kickoffs) and Van Tiffin (field goals, extra points).

Ricky Moore (240) and Kerry Goode (187) give the Tide outstanding running potential. Joe Smith (185) and Greg Richardson (175) are hiccupquick as receivers. Preston Gothard (215) has come on strongly at tight end. He's up front with experienced folk: tackles Gary Otten (260) and Hardy Walker (270), guards Mike White (250) and John McIntosh (244), and center Wes Neighbors (255), son of Billy Neighbors, an All-America tackle at Alabama 23 years ago. Young Neighbors made several frosh All-America teams. He'll make bigger ones the next three years.

Perkins started as many as six freshmen on defense a year ago, growing boys. They're shaving now. He's on record already about linebackers Emanuel King (240), a senior, and Cornelius Bennett (225), a sophomore. Perk says he would not trade them for any pair, anywhere. Juniors Jon Hand (6-7, 285) and Brent Sowell (260) should improve Bama tackle play, and in the middle is Curt Jarvis (275), a sophomore star. Senior Scott McRae (211) and soph Wayne Davis (215) are inside linebackers. Behind them is a seasoned secondary: Vern Wilkerson (170) and Sam Hood (175) at the corners, Paul Tripoli (185) and fleet Freddie Robinson (175) the safeties.

Bryant's legion of fanatics did its best to give Perkins a chance to flap his wings, but a midseason slump put pressure on their patience. Perkins is still warily studied. Auburn's surge to power doesn't add to Tide comfort.

Running back Kerry Goode (top) and tight end Preston Gothard make the Crimson Tide strong.

FLORIDA

Ask Charley Pell his $164 question—inflation, you know—and he answers, "Donnie Whiting or Roger Sibbald or Dale Dorminey or Derrick Cruddup or . . or . . or . . ." That means the Gators haven't gotten a fix on Wayne Peace's heir as quarterback.

Florida has never won a conference title. Gator alumni accept this 52-year oversight more passively than Pell, Alabama's former super-competitive tackle. If Pell can locate a quarterback who leads, who can throw a spiral to receivers occasionally, who can hand off to any of several superb runners, Florida could claim a pennant. Ability abounds on both lines. The kicking game is outstanding. The secondary is young but talented.

Where is that quarterback?

Close-mouthed, conservative-predicting Pell confesses his linemen should form the finest lines of scrimmage he's had in five Florida years. On offense little Gary Rolle (175) and huge Walter Odom (220) are the ends. Lomas Brown (275) is an All-America tackle among pro scouts. Crawford Ker (275) is the other tackle. Billy Hinson (266) and rising star Jeff Zimmerman (275) are guards; All-SEC Phil Bromley (250) is the center. Quality is deep among runners: Neal Anderson (198), John L. Williams (215), Lorenzo Hampton (210), and Joe Henderson (207).

Tim Newton (275) is a dominator in the middle of the defense. Greg Cleveland (270) is an exceptional tackle. Their up-front friends are ends Alonzo Johnson (223), Patrick Miller (212), and Melvin Ellison (237). Mark Korff (225) and Leon Pennington (215) lead the linebackers. Ricky Easmon (165), Curtis Stacey (180), Scott McConico (175), and Vernell Brown (180) patrol deep.

Ray Criswell is the long punter, David Nardone the accurate coffin-corner booter. Bobby Raymond, 20 for 23 in '83, does the placement work; Chris Perkins booms kickoffs and long three-pointers.

LOUISIANA STATE

Bill Arnsparger cannot claim he inherited an empty cupboard of Fightin' Tigers. The material equals anyone's in Dixie.

The Tigers had a surprising 1983. They won but four games. Most of them had enjoyed an 8-3-1 season the year before, including a late one-point loss to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. First-term college head coach Arnsparger has nine starters back on offense, eight on defense. Rivals envy those figures.

The attack nucleus is 1981 *Parade* All-America Jeff Wickersham at quarterback (192), the superbly gifted receiver Eric Martin (203), a pro-ready tackle in Lance Smith (295), and the Dalton-James Gang to run the ball: Dalton Hilliard (192) and Gary James (205). LSU will score, doubt it not. Other attack men are tight end Mitch Andrews (240), tackle John Harrell (265), guards Jeff Fordham (260) and Kevin Langford (263), and center Tommy Campbell (245). It's a huge unit, but it's also versatile and mobile.

Arnsparger established defense-teaching credentials with the pros, particularly Miami. His linebacking foursome of Greg Dubroc (239), Michael Brooks (240), Shawn Burks (222), and Ricky Chatman (227) should be outstanding. Liffort Hobley (199) is a preseason All-America safety. Cris Cruz (186), Norm Jefferson (175), and steady Jeffery Dale work outposts with him. The projected three-man front has super-publicized former preppers John Hazard (270), Roland Barbey (250), and Erick Kittok (255). The veteran kickers are Clay Parker, punter, and Juan Betanzos.

Four of LSU's six SEC games are on the road: Florida, Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi State. That's a hurdle. So are two outside foes, Southern Cal at Los Angeles and Notre Dame, in Tiger Stadium.

TENNESSEE

John Majors has never really got it started since he came triumphantly marching home seven years ago. Not to Big Orange Country standards, established by Bob Neyland's measuring stick. He came closest in 1983: 9-3. Majors made it two straight over Alabama and dusted off Maryland in the Citrus Bowl.

The Vols began to stop enemies again. They had a minister of defense, Reggie White. He was awesome. White is gone but eight first-string comrades aren't. The Vols need them to sustain momentum.

Graduation torpedoed the attack crowd. Two preseason All-SECers are back: guard Bill Mayo (280) and marvelous runner Johnnie Jones (190). Another conference all-star, quarterback Alan Cockrell, signed in June to play baseball for the San Francisco Giants. That's a big loss for the Vols. Cockrell already had school passing records. He established himself before that as a leader. Now opportunity knocks for juniors Tony Robinson (6-3, 181) and Daryl Dickey (172). Robinson has a gifted arm. Dickey, former coach Doug's boy, has smarts.

Jones has the great moves and toughness. The Citrus Bowl's MVP is the only 1,000-yard rusher in storied Tennessee history. He netted 1,116 yards in ten regular-season games. The remaining offensive troops are consistent only in inexperience and potential. Tim McGee, 173 and phantom-fast, is a receiver from the Stan Morgan-Anthony Hancock-Willie Gault pattern. Up front are wideout Laron Brown (164) and tight end John Cook (236), tackles Tony Williams (261) and Bruce Wilkerson (262), guards Todd Upton (276) and Mayo, and center Raleigh McKenzie (246). Ken Cooper (5-6 and 198) blocks for Jones.

Steve Douglas (255), Robby Scott (263), and Darrin Miller (231) are new up front. Old faces are elsewhere. The linebacking crew encourages bragging: Reggie McKenzie (231) and Dale Jones (215) outside, stars Carl Zander (206) and ex-fullback Alvin Toles (210) inside. Free safety Charles Davis (190) and corner Terry Brown (175) were excellent freshmen in 1983. Juniors Tommy Sims (185) and Joe Cofer (191) aren't bad hands either.

The kickers, punter Jimmy Colquitt and Fuad Reveiz, are two of the nation's best.

GEORGIA

Check it out, if you doubt. Georgia has been college football's team of the 1980s. Vince Dooley's Bulldogs have won 43, lost four, tied one. Herschel Walker is partially to blame for that eminence. He was gone last year. Dooley wasn't. Blame him for that hoggish record also. The quiet-toned, high-IQ former Auburn quarterback has coached 20 Georgia clubs.

Suspicion grows that this could be a Dooley-Georgia down year. Graduation evidence fortifies a guess. Only three men are back from an offense which didn't dazzle anyhow. Neither a quarterback nor a flashy ball carrier is among them.

The defense has seven returnees if you count Jeff Sanchez (180), who was out all last year. He'll probably make All-America free safety. Georgia will have problems scoring points. Ho hum! Nothing new. It will crack noggins on defense—as Dooley men have always done.

The Florida Gators are led by offensive tackle Lomas Brown, nose guard Ricky Williams (#52), and running back John Williams.

Todd Williams (195) appears the man for quarterback. He doesn't do anything flashy except command. Incoming freshman Lars Tate (210) and Cleveland Gary (210) have open doors to regular running work. Competitors have little more experience. The offensive line has two old hands, Keith Johnson (240) and Herman Archie (195). Johnson, moved from center, pairs with Vic Perry (270) at tackle. Archie battles spring star Anthony Clincy (180) and Kevin Harris (193) in the receiving corps. Upfront duels go on among mostly retreads and frosh. Mike Weaver (275), from defense, and Jimmy Holton (265) are the guards; Peter Anderson (250) is the center. Wilbur Strozier (230) is the No. 1 tight end.

The defense has at least four all-conference contenders: Sanchez, middle man Kenny Sims (250), linebacker Knox Culpepper (212), and corner Tony Flack (185). Their buddies are ill-tempered also about strangers: Calvin Ruff (200) and Carlyle Hewatt (210), the ends, Donald Chumbley (252) and Jake Richardson (240) the inside linemen, Billy Mitchell (200), a linebacker, and Kevin Harris (180) and John Little (190) in deeper zones.

Kevin Butler, place-kicker, and Chip Andrews, punter, are big-league performers.

KENTUCKY

It's an uphill challenge. In your lifetime, Paul Bryant is the only football coach who made Kentucky autumns memorable except as a prelude to Kentucky basketball.

Don't surrender on Jerry Claiborne. He's bred for distance. The former Wildcat halfback has steadfastly set a course for Wildcat respectability leading to roundball time. Kentucky bowled last year, for the first time in seven years, for the second time since Bryant left 30 years ago. That was heady stuff. Claiborne wants more. He's patient.

In his third season back home, Claiborne doesn't predict a league title. Solid contention is at least two years up the road. Kentucky has begun to sprout muscles again. It should better its 6-5-1 second Claiborne season. The offensive line must be restructured. The defense has gaps.

The Wildcats also have a promising quarterback, soph Bill Ransdell (180), and top-layer receivers in tight end Oliver White (230), wideout Eric Pitts (175), and flanker Joe Phillips (192). There's also George Adams (208), Mark Logan (185), Tony Mayes (186), and Chris Derry (216) to carry the ball. Mayes is something special returning kicks. Tackle Bob Shurtleff (250) is the only established interior blocker. Joe Prince (245), Ken Pietrowiak (230), Jim Reichwein (235), and Tom Richey (245) are lettermen in there.

Kentucky did some defensive realigning in the spring. Not Claiborne's beloved wide-tackle six. Only personnel. Cam Jacobs (225) moved back from tackle to linebacker. Fullback Larry Smith (217) joined him there. Steve Mazza (203) dislodged Stacey Burrell (204) from an end, but Brian Williams (193) held on across the way. Jeff Smith (245) kept his post at tackle, Joe Dumbauld (230) took the other. David Thompson (222) and Tom Wilkins (235) are the guards.

Paul Calhoun (210) is an excellent safety and led the SEC in punting (43.2). Mayes, the kick returner, and Barry Alexander (176) appear solid as corners. Incoming freshman Joe Worley is seeded first as the place-kicker.

MISSISSIPPI

The Rebels beat only Arkansas in their first six games. They streaked the other way their last six, downing TCU, Vanderbilt, LSU, Tennessee, and Mississippi State before dropping an Independence Bowl to Air Force, 9-3.

Billy Brewer gained respect, fast. Ole Miss may be back. The former Reb end—canny John Vaught says he was one tough hombre—had a low-numbers squad problem which he handled peculiarly. Brewer redshirted all his freshmen. Ole Miss should have a record-large senior class in 1987 and probably a much improved win-loss chart. Brewer plots a takeoff in 1984 from the modest heights attained in 1983. He has eight regulars back on offense, five on defense.

Ken Austin, a fifth-year senior, is the quarterback. He's not a bad passer, but an explosion of catching talent will make him better. Austin (187) will be aiming at vets Timmy Moffett (185), Jamie Holder (166), and James Harbour (200). Harbour missed '83 with a bum knee after earning three letters.

The breakaway back is not in sight. Arthur Humphrey (205) does well at power plunging. Experienced linemen include Michael Smith (215) at tight end, tackles Eric Denmark (258) and Greg Walker (254), guard Bobby Clark (271), and center Wayne Pierce (256).

Ole Miss will doubtless dip into its expanded freshman pool for quick aid on defense. Help is needed. Freddie Joe Nunn (233) is a gem at end. Michael Portis (238) caught on fast in the middle after switching from outside. Bob Blakemore (255) and Marcus Green (255) make the tackle area stout. Dwight Bingham's size (6-7, 240) is a plus at the flank opposite the far-ranging Nunn. Lee Davis (195) survived a spring challenge at one corner, but Jonathan Shelley (176) took Eric Truitt (197) at the other one.

Tennessee RB Johnnie Jones

Barry Wilburn (186) and Johnny Armstrong (209) are strong deep backs. Kickers Bill Smith, punter, and Neil Teevan, placements, also return.

VANDERBILT

Injuries seem to mangle second-division people oftener than high-society folk. Vanderbilt has been battling for breath for years. Its Med School is vital. Vandy's hospital list in 1983 was, coach George MacIntyre remembers, "the longest I've known of." Eight Commodore regulars missed one game. By November, 16 players had been sidelined. Vanderbilt dropped to 0-6 in the SEC, 2-9 overall.

Adversity sometimes has a flip side. MacIntyre has spotted one. All-America candidate Manuel Young, safety, and preseason All-SEC center Bill Fletcher had senior seasons

Wide receiver Eric Martin (left), tailback Dalton Hilliard (#21), and quarterback Jeff Wickersham of the Louisiana State Tigers

delayed. Young (184) and Fletcher (258) are healthy again. So is guard Steve Olinger (271), who also missed the year. Soph tailback Carl Edwards was out half of '83. He was a terrific rookie until late October. Vanderbilt now considers it has ten regulars returning on offense, six on defense.

With senior Kurt Page (190) wheeling and dealing, the Commodores will play shootout with anyone. Page was runner-up (3,034 yards) to BYU's Steve Young in total offense in the nation. Fullback Keith Edwards (200) led the country in pass receptions (97). Chuck Scott (202) was the No. 1 catcher among tight ends (70). Scott has moved outside. He'll go down field with flanker Ardell Fuller (182) and tight end Jim Popp (6-6, 238) and dispense problems, for the other side. Darrell Denson (262), Will Wolford (275), Jim Dralle (264), Olinger, and Fletcher, now a guard, will stay back and protect Page.

In addition to Young, Vanderbilt's defense features another star. He's Karl (Chocolate Thunder) Jordan, who has grown from a light heavyweight to 246 pounds without loss of agility or desire. Pros know of him. Jordan will work with ends Glenn Watson (228) and John Windham (240) and tackle Steve Wade (266). MacIntyre considers the linebacking very

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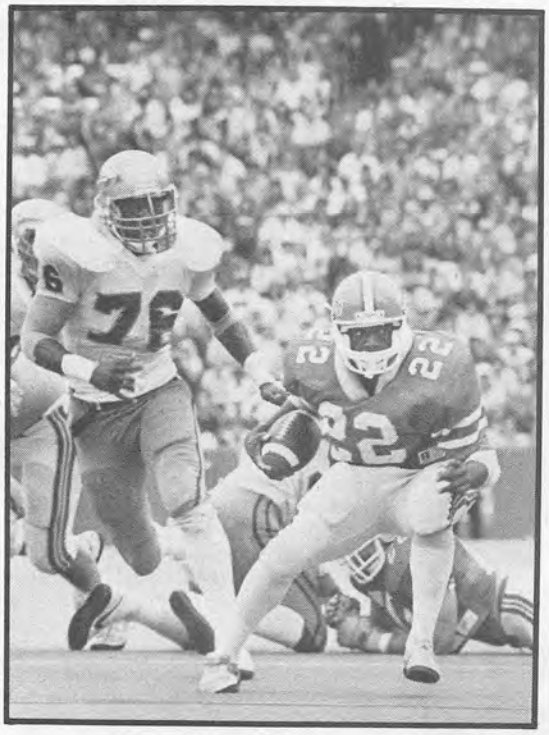

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good. Steve McCoy (212) and Jeff Holt (198) are the leaders. Kermit Sykes (191) and Thanh Anderson (175) are cornerbacks. Tim Johnson (184) will pair with Young.

Ricky Anderson might win a national title in a punt-placement-kickoff derby.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Emory Bellard went 3-8 years ago when he brought his personally-invented wishbone to Starkville from Texas. In 1980 and 1981, it triggered honor-roll cards of 9-3 and 8-4. Bulldog alumni walked clouds and looked higher.

They're now gully-walking again. State slumped to 3-8 in '83, from a 5-6 '82. The wishbone is gone. So is quarterback John Bond, a 44-game starter. So are 23 lettermen. Bellard remains, grimly polishing the I-formation which is back in fashion at so many places. Graduation denuded State's offense and defense equally, eight from each unit. It's truly a start-over situation.

Soph Don Smith (6-2, 195) had his nose out front at the finish of the spring hunt for a quarterback. He illustrates the youth of the crowd he directs. His runners are veterans, Kenny Rogers (205) and Mikel Williams (195), but half of his blocking front isn't. There is experience up there only with tight end Corwyn Aldredge (255), guard Danny Sanders (245), and tackle Alvin Robinson (275).

The three returning starters on defense are excellent: tackles Pat Swoopes (260) and Elvis Butler (290) and strong safety Tom Nichols (190). The scramble is far from over to staff the eight vacancies. Bellard hired Melvin Robertson from private business to re-enter coaching as State's defensive coordinator. The young Bulldogs seem willing doers, but they're only puppies. Artie Cosby, the place-kicker, is back. Tim Cutts, the punter, isn't.

State's famed November schedule didn't leave with those Bulldogs who ran out of eligibility. It's again Auburn, Alabama, LSU, and Ole Miss. A bowl invitation isn't likely.

Quarterback Todd Williams (top), safety Jeff Sanchez (#31), center Keith Johnson (#61), place-kicker Kevin Butler, and linebacker Knox Culpepper of the Bulldogs

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MIAMI

As your daddy told you, bouncing you on his knee, after sunshine cometh the rain. The sun and moon danced all over Miami after the Orange Bowl. Howard Schnellenberger's Hurricanes owned the city and the national championship.

The clouds gathered in late May. Schnellenberger resigned as coach and took another challenge, coaching the USFL Federals, moving from Washington. Oklahoma State's Jimmy Johnson was hired to replace him. He inherited a treasury of golden talent, headed by soph quarterback Bernie Kosar. But memories cry out that leadership displacement often spawns momentum-braking. Miami has got to leave the blocks in '84 in super gear. It has three tests in 12 days that would furrow the brows of the Los Angeles Raiders: Auburn, Michigan, and Florida. The schedule doesn't let up much after that. It includes Purdue, FSU, Boston College, Notre Dame, Pitt, and Maryland.

If Johnson can fuse a smooth transition, he's odds-on to be coach of the year. The mental part will be the most difficult. Miami has physical ability. Schnellenberger told the squad starting spring work it had more talent than last year's edition.

Kosar (6-5, 210, and smart) has a veteran line to protect him and such runners as Alonzo Highsmith (223) and Darryl Oliver (178). Only Glenn Dennison was lost up front. Chris Hembrough (217) moves into that gap. Tackles Paul Bertucelli (248) and Dave Heffernan (250), guards Juan Comendeiro (241) and Alvin Ward (258), and center Ian Sinclair (247) return.

On defense, only four regulars are back: end Julio Cortes (205), tackle Kevin Fagan (261), and deep backs Reggie Sutton (178) and Ken Calhoun (202). They're all aces, as are two sensational catchers of football who'll test enemy defenses as they have their teammates in practice: wide receiver Eddie Brown (175) and even swifter Stan Shakespeare (171). Ends Joe Kohlbrand (224) and Winston Moss (220), tackles Jerome Brown (255) and Dallas Cameron (232), guard Darin McMurray (212), linebacker Vic Morris (234), and defensive backs Doug McFadden (186), Lucious Delegal (193), Greg Jones (167), and Willie Martinez (193) lettered in 1983.

FLORIDA STATE

Robert Cleckler Bowden, 54, one of the nation's outstanding coaches, knows it better than anyone. If he locates a defense, roses will be prominent again in Tallahassee.

For the last two seasons, the FSU defense has been much too thorny, giving up an average of nearly four touchdowns a game. The popular image of Bowden focuses on him as pitching-running teacher. There is substance there. But he knows he forged his 139-59-0 record (yes, he's never had a tie) primarily on sounder defenses than that which marked FSU's disappointing 7-5 run in 1983. Bowden made a significant move after his Seminoles upset North Carolina in the Peach Bowl to complete last season. He hired Mickey Andrews as defensive coordinator. Andrews was an undertalented overachieving halfback 20 years ago for Paul Bryant at Alabama. He teaches defense the old fashion way: soundly, solidily, steadfastly.

FSU's defense will write its '84 history. The offense will score. Bowden has big guns again, starting with Greg Allen. An All-America halfback, Allen (201) gained 1,134 yards as a junior. He should do better his final season. Quarterback Eric Thomas whipped injuries just in time to engineer the Peach Bowl fun. He's 6-0, 192, and can pass up to high Seminole standards. He can also run. Thomas has two other quality runners to feed in addition to Allen, Roosevelt Snipes (172), and Cedric Jones (187). FSU receivers are equally dangerous: Jessie Hester (173) and Hassan Jones (201). Five regulars return to block up front, including All-America guard candidate Jamie Dukes (291). Linebacker Henry Taylor (211) and strong safety Brian McCrary (171) are strong leaders. Tackle Issac Williams (251) came on late, and strongly, last year. Linebackers Fred Jones (215) and Darryl Gray (245) and tackle Gerald Nichols (251) haven't played much but will have to this year. They have potential.

Louis Berry, a sophomore, does 42-yard punting. Prep sensation Derek Schmidt of Sarasota will be given place-kicking duties.

MEMPHIS STATE

Will this be the year Memphis State finally crashes ritzy society? The Tigers have been restive for years. They've paid their dues. They've been friendly folk for the big boys on Saturdays, for power teams needing a brisk workout. Last year, Rex Dockery's team whipped Mississippi State, Ole Miss, and Vanderbilt, finishing 6-4-1 overall. Dockery's team was youngish. He was pointing for 1984 and beyond.

Rey Dempsey must now lead Memphis State from the Wilderness to the Promised Land. Dockery was killed in a private plane crash last December. The sad search for his successor led to the fireball Dempsey, a proven rehabilitator in underdog circumstances. Dempsey coached I-AA champion Southern Illinois in 1983. He'd begun his term there with a team that had just set a 1-10 mark.

Few fresh coaches have ever been more fortunate in inheriting proven players. Memphis State has ten front-liners back on offense and seven on defense, plus two of the finest placement kickers in the country: Don Glosson and Thomas Ingles, who put 28 kickoffs out of the end zone.

The entire offensive line, led by tackles Jeff Walker (291) and Tim Long (6-6, 307), is back for a second season. Their mates should be tight end Dwight Blalock (225), guards Geddes Self (240) and Jack Oliver (280), and center David East (250). They resent people mussing up quarterback Danny Sparkman and flashy ball toters Punkin Williams (210), Jeff Womack (175), and Rozell Clayton (219). Sparkman is a jewel, 6-2, 191, and tough. He threw for 1,390 yards and 11 TDs in his maiden year on the job as a soph. His big-play receiver is Enis Jackson (175), who took in 14 balls for 311 yards, a 22.2-yard average.

Two stars set the tone on defense: end Tim Harris (6-6, 230) and linebacker Eric Fairs (230), both juniors.Two-year starters Dennis Borcky (258), Mike McKay (255), and Jeff Ellis (225) make the front strong. Keith Mutters (207) teams with Fairs behind the line. Senior Donnie Elder (175) and junior Trell Hooper (187) are in a secondary which does need a touch or two of help.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

The perennial champion of Mississippi college football got more attention from a non-playing student than from a host of excellent players. Now Marcus Dupree is gone, leaving Hattiesburg for the pros even quicker than he left Oklahoma after a couple of 1983 games. Dupree would not have been eligible in 1984, anyhow. Coach Jim Carmody would have had to rebuild the Southerners without him.

Carmody's mission was not affected by the Dupree exodus. Runners are not the team's critical need. Defensive backs, linemen, and a replacement for Louis Lipps's role as a home-run receiver and kick returner are. Also some kicking people. Tommy McDuffie punted only once last year and Rex Banks missed his only field-goal try.

Southern does have glittering potential in the backfield. Quarterback Robert Duckworth (193) matured nicely replacing cousin Reggie Collier, and Sam Dejarnette (185) and Vincent Alexander (180) are outstanding runners. Duckworth's quick arm and feet make him a dangerous threat in two ways. Injuries slowed Dejarnette last year after 1,545-yard soph rushing. Two top linemen are Fred Richards (260) at center (moved from guard to replace the coach's son, Steve) and tight end Robert Stallings (6-5, 236).

"Little Richard" Byrd (6-4, 263) provides a foundation to build defense. He lines up at tackle and roams the combat area. He's one of the land's best defenders. Willie B. Moore (236) can handle the flank defense. Greg Hauesler (210) is excellent at linebacking.

Carmody confesses to problems. "Doesn't every coach have 'em?" he adds. But Ole Miss and Mississippi State have problems with their upstart family bully. The Golden Eagles have won three of the last four Rebel games. They've won their last six against the State Bulldogs.

The Kentucky Wildcats feature defensive tackle Cam Jacobs (#48), running back Tony Mayes, and tight end Oliver White (#87).

TULANE

Tulane had more ups and downs last year than a bream cork in the bayous. It was a rough voyage for new skipper Wally English. For history, the 1983 record was 4-7. The conquests included Florida State and Ole Miss.

Tulane lost 19 lettermen, among them eight starters on offense and four on defense. Last year was marked also by English defying athletic director Hindman Wall and taking the NCAA to court on the eligibility question of his quarterback son, Jon. Local courts allowed the youngster into seven games before the Englishes surrendered. Meanwhile, Bubba Brister, who had opened the year as No. 1 at quarterback, quit in disgust. This time English, the coach, will go with a slightly less controversial attack leader: Notre Dame transfer Ken Karcher (6-2, 210). Karcher, from Glenshaw, Pa., is a former *Parade* All-America recruited by major colleges everywhere. He has a good arm, speed (4-8), and a sense of what ought to be done during combat.

English confesses he is much more confident about his new quarterback than he is about the players surrounding him. The offensive line is gone except for guard Randy Saffy (257). Redshirts John Cottingham (280) and Andre Lockley (230) are probable tackles. Mark Savani (226) has experience at tight end, and Mike Jones (183) was the No. 2 rusher from tailback in 1983. Wide receiver Tyrone Vaughns (180) has ability. So does Larry Route (200), a soph tight end.

Donnell Benward (230) and Mel Cornier (215) could be the defensive ends. Harvey Cox (230), Eddie Neal (230), and Richard Williams (225) are insiders of some experience. LSU transfer Archie Sutton (255) could help at defensive tackle. Burnell Dent (218) led the team in tackles as a linebacker last year. Gary Anderson (225) worked part-time with him. Three starters return in the secondary: Curt Baham (178), Gene Harris (187), and Treg Songy (195).

Tony Wood (190) lends comfort as a placement fellow. He's a future pro. English opted for heavy recruiting of the junior-college standouts. Incoming freshmen Melvin Adams (195), runner, and Herman Eschete (240), offensive tackle, are bright hopes.

TENNESSEE STATE

William A. (Bill) Thomas needed no briefing when he was chosen to lead Tennessee State into a new era in 1984. He'd had on-the-job training for a dozen years under the renowned John Merritt. Merritt's death left large shoes to fill. In his 21 years, his Tigers won 233, lost 67, and tied 11. There was an unbeaten regular season in 1982, followed by 8-2-1. Merritt was a giant in the game. Thomas was his defensive coordinator in recent campaigns.

There won't be much adjustment in the manner the Tigers prepare their game plan. Defense specialist Thomas did hint in his first spring game that he also believes in open-throttle offense. There were 65 passes launched in that family scrimmage—despite injuries forcing 12-minute quarters. It was a rugged offseason period for the Tigers. Twenty-eight players were held from the intrasquad game. Thomas did little experimentation. A major move did make glue-fisted Barry Collins (6-4, 180) a wideout rather than a tight end.

Tennessee State is different from most Dixie powers. It has two proven quarterbacks. Kenneth Biggles (189) was No. 1 early in 1983 before limping off. He had completed 54 percent of his passes for 15 touchdowns. Gilbert Renfroe (186) was promoted and locked himself into regular work when Biggles recovered. He was a 52 percent passer, for 13 TDs. Their favorite target, Golden Tate, has graduated. Thomas seeks a successor. Herm Hunter (180) and Marlin Johnson (185) are back as chief runners. Gary Shoots (235) is a big guy on the line.

The defense will be younger but with more overall ability. Linebacking will be excellent. Charles Buchanon (220), Tim Lloyd (185), and James DeRico (225) operate there. Guard Mike Robinson (215) and tackle Tommy Perkins (273) are star types. Deep corners will be superbly manned by Roger Robinson (175) and Ronald Howard (180).

LOUISVILLE

The Cardinals were whacked for 351 points in a disappointing 3-8 season in 1983, yet coach Bob Weber reports his most-asked question has been, "Who'll play quarterback". Dean May left a mark, and memories. He could throw the football, as John Unitas once did for the Red, Black, and White.

"I can't answer, yet," Weber replied after spring drills. He didn't appear overly concerned. It figures to be Ed Rubbert (6-5, 210, from New York City). As a freshman, he did creditably in the final two games (23 for 45), when live-armed May (1,609 yards) was sidelined. Arizona juco transfer Andy Woodring (6-6, 190) contests Rubbert. He pitched for 1,215 yards out west and ran for 126 more. Rubbert or Woodring have four eager receivers: Eric Vaughan (185), a California JC import; Preston Gray (190), a transfer from Michigan State; Junior Jones (210); and last year's starter, Carl Williams (175). That's not counting tight end David Hatfield (220). He also blocks. Up front, the Cards appear improved. Standouts are center Greg Pianko (265), back home after emergencies made him a guard last year, tackle Pete McCartney (6-6, 250), and guard Mike Veto (250).

Who'll play Louisville defense? Ten starters from '83 are back. If defeat, as advertised, is a master teacher, the Cardinals learned much. Tackle Jon Cade is the chap they brag about. He sat out the spring but is counted on to return his muscular 237 pounds to tackle. He's an All-America candidate. Free safety Kirk Perry (195) is another good one. He intercepted seven passes last season. All of his deep comrades are back: Doug Pritchett (195), Marc Matthews (180), and Don Cosby (193). Linebacking is anchored by Mike Minoque (220). Leading tackler Brian Miller (210) is strong inside. Rick Puccinelli was hired as defense coordinator. He prefers a five-man front.

Ole Miss flanker James Harbour hopes his knee problems are over.

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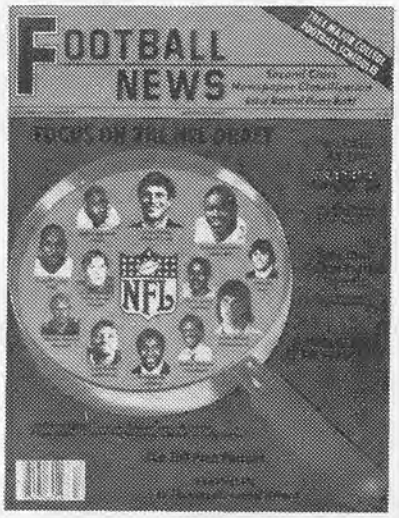

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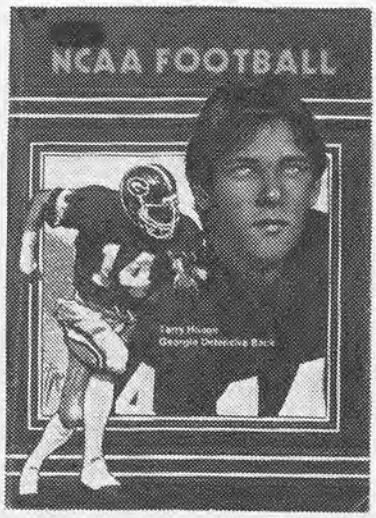

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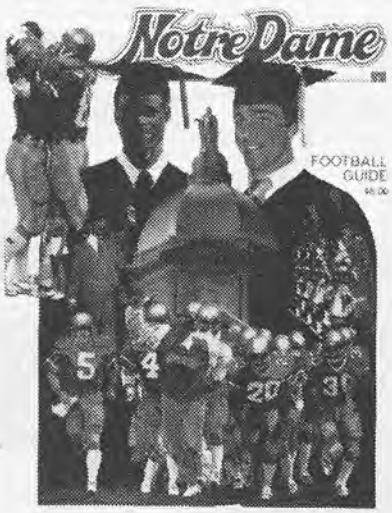

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Vanderbilt safety Manuel Young (top), quarterback Kurt Page (#12), and tailback Carl Woods

Incoming freshman Mark Nardone is the probable punter. Veteran Phil Ellis handles place-kicking.

LOUISIANA

The Ragin' Cajuns (Southwestern Louisiana until a name change in 1984) closed out their second year in I-A on an up note, with four wins in their last five games. That took some of the sting out of an 0-5 start. Coach Sam Robertson is optimistic, naturally, about continuing the streak.

"If we perform up to our expectations, we should be able to have an opportunity to win every game we play next fall," he said.

Quick, somebody show Sam the schedule that lists Alabama, Southern Miss, Tulsa, and just four home games. If he goes undefeated against that competition, the Sugar Bowl might be calling for a new host team.

Junior Donnie Schnexider passed for over 1,000 yards and nine TDs in just seven full games in '83. He'll be looking for new targets, for only Pierre Perkins (five catches for 115 yards) returns to the receiving corps. But fullback Thomas Jackson (739 yards) returns, as does the line: guards Chris Boudreaux and Keith Guidry, tackles Joe Evans and Steve Bodden, and center Dan Alexander.

Robertson must rebuild his secondary, where all four starters are gone. Fred DeJean (215), Oliver Ford (185), Kevin Sorice (252), and Vernon Homer (252) return in the line, and leading tacklers Steve Spinella and Chris Jacobs fortify the linebacking. Steve Judice, Clarence Glenn, and Rennick Taylor will get first shot at the vacant jobs in the backfield.

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EASTERN KENTUCKY

Question: When is a 7-3-1 season, a conference championship, and a berth in the I-AA top 10 and playoffs considered less than successful? Answer: When you're Eastern Kentucky University and coach Roy Kidd.

The reason 1983 was considered in lesser terms for the Colonels was because of years 1979-82. During that period, EKU won two I-AA national championships and lost in the title game twice. The absence from I-AA title competition could be a brief one as 41 lettermen and 15 starters are back.

The offense returns quarterbacks Pat Smith and Greg Parker, All-America center Chris Sullivan, tackle Keith Bosley, and four of the top five rushers from last year. Added to all of this is speedster Tony James, a convert from receiver to tailback, leaving Isiah Hill and Simon Codrington to catch the passes. Smith and Parker, while showing typical freshman inconsistency, combined for 1,002 passing yards. They need to improve.

The veteran defense is led by the secondary of Anthony Jones, Robert Williams, Mike Mims, and Jeff Walker, intact from '83. Linebacker Fred Harvey is as good as they come, while Charles Keller, Rick Campbell, Robert Palmer, and Joe Mauntel man the front wall.

Most of the Colonels' "problems" last season were due largely to inexperience at key positions. Now that that is no longer a factor, Eastern Kentucky will be a strong contender for another national title.

MURRAY STATE

A year ago, nobody knew what to expect from a young Racer team that returned only five starters. The team was picked to finish in the lower realms of the conference, yet Murray State and coach Frank Beamer pulled off a surprise 7-4 season and a fourth-place OVC finish. That included a win over Eastern Kentucky, the Colonels' only conference loss in three years. Thus it should be of little surprise that with 32 returning lettermen and 17 starters, the Racers will be in the thick of the league contest in 1984.

Back from the nation's ninth-best defense a year ago are honorable mention All-Americas Dan Coleman at end and Herbert Jones at safety. The latter was part of a secondary, with Ralph Robinson and James Yarbrough, that was second in I-AA against the pass. The defensive front also returns starters Jose Casanova and Tim Price. Alfonzo Mather heads a solid linebacking corps.

The offense will do its share of damage, too, with defensive-back-turned-quarterback Kevin Sisk (1,752 passing yards) on hand, along with soph tailback Willie Cannon. Up front, Colby Schreckengost leads the charge, with size (6-3, 292) to match the length of his name. Tim Billa, Charles Wiles, and Keith Lester are returning regulars.

A year ago, the OVC teams didn't know what to expect from Murray State. This year, they'll know to look for the Racers near the top.

The OVC report was written by Jon Verner.

Linebacker Ermon Green makes another stop for Mississippi St.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee finished its 1983 season with an 8-2 overall record and a second-place OVC finish. The Blue Raiders had the league's best offense and defense and came within one game of the conference co-championship and a trip to the I-AA playoffs. Fourteen starters from that squad return, seven each on offense and defense.

Granted, coach Boots Donnelly did lose the services of All-OVC and All-America offensive guard Roger Carroll, leading receiver Marshan Jolly, and a couple of decent cornerbacks. However, four All-OVC performers return: quarterback Mickey Corwin, tailback Vince Hall (949 yards), place-kicker Kelly Potter, and defensive back Don Griffin. The supporting cast on offense includes backup tailback Kevin Baker, fullbacks Danny Colwell and Tony Burse, center Rick Brito, and guard Phil Cowan. The defense probably won't be quite as strong as last season, but with tackle Gary Womack and linebacker Mike Mathis on hand and with Donnelly's defensive emphasis, it won't be bad.

In 1980, MTSU finished tied for sixth in the OVC. The Blue Raiders rose to a fourth-place tie in '81 and to a tie for third in '82. Last year brought a rise to second. Could the trend continue this year? A duplication of last season's finish is more reasonable.

AKRON

There should be a sign on coach Jim Dennison's office door that reads: "WANTED—One tailback. Must be able and willing to carry the ball between 30 and 40 times per game and average 120-140 yards. Durability a must. Experience helpful, but not necessary. Inquire within—SOON!"

The above description fit the Akron offense last year. An offense that went by the name of James Black. The key word there is *went*. In his senior season, Black accounted for 47 percent of the Zips' offensive plays and just under 50 percent of the total yardage. But Black is gone, as is most of the offensive line. Three quarterbacks return with some experience, but none has shown consistency. Ken Banks, Steve Stams, and Vernon Stewart combined for 60 completions a year ago.

A strong defense is back, including several talented linebackers and a virtually intact secondary. The list of linebackers starts with All-OVC pick Jeff Lake and proceeds through Russell Holmes, Greg Reed, and 1982 all-conference pick Ed Grimsley, who has been injury-plagued the past two seasons. All-OVC Robert Johnson teams with Clarence Kelly to anchor the secondary. The line lost OVC Defensive Player of the Year Dave Arango, but it has enough returnees to remain strong.

Unless some help is found for the offense, the defense will have to do all the work. That won't do.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

In their first two years of play in the OVC, the Penguins were noted for a running game. Last year, coach Bill Narduzzi switched to an air attack, and he promises more of the same from the '84 offense. The Penguins hope to avoid the mistakes and injuries that plagued last year's 4-7 team.

Back to prove 1983 was a fluke are 37 lettermen, including 15 starters. That may not be easy. Despite an offense that averaged nearly 25 points per game, the Penguin defense couldn't keep pace, allowing just under 350 yards per game. Linebackers Pat Toler and Mark Derthick return, but two starters were lost from the secondary. Narduzzi has a defensive front of nose guard Vince Peterson, tackle Kevin Powell, and end John Klomfas.

On offense, with oft-injured quarterback Jamie DeVore relegated to sideline coaching duty, veteran Mike Sloe will battle with '83 backup Ken Kuhn and Pitt transfer Rich Bowen for the rights to run, or actually pass, the show. Sloe and Kuhn have the edge in experience, but Bowen has displayed more versatility and may get the nod. Regardless, a prime target will be tight end Frank Pokorny. He was YSU's No. 2 receiver a year ago behind the departed John Goode. Wideouts Griffin Keys and Rick Shepas will also bear close watching by defensive backfields. When the Penguins decide to complement with the run, fullback Mike Hardie and tailback Robert Thompson will be used. The offensive line lost a pair of key performers in guard Rick Brunot and center Scott Jacobs.

AUSTIN PEAY

The logo on the side of the helmets at Austin Peay is simple: the letters A-P. Listening to coach Emory Hale, optimistic as ever, about prospects for 1984, one could imagine the letters standing for "Abundant Potential."

Potential. Perhaps the most-used word in the coaching profession, it actually seems to fit the prospects for Austin Peay. The Governors surprised some people last year by finishing 6-5 overall and with a defense ranked eighteenth in the nation. The potential for as good or better a 1984 season rests with some key defensive performers: tackle Marlin Chapman, linebackers Mike Hamilton and Pat Wilson, and nose guard Jim Barlow. Wilson might be moved to the defensive backfield, though, to lend some experience there.

On offense, the potential starts with quarter-

Miami quarterback Bernie Kosar (#20), Florida State running back Greg Allen (#26), and Louisiana quarterback Donnie Schexnider

Tulane linebacker Burnell Dent

back Vince Allen. While seeing limited action in nine games a year ago, the then-freshman completed 50 percent of his passes and threw for two TDs. (The team as a whole had only seven.) Spots at tailback and wide receiver are up for grabs, with 5-8 mighty-mite Fred Motes the top backfield prospect.

TENNESSEE TECH

Head coach Gary Darnell completed his first season at Tech with a 2-8 record. So there is only one direction the Golden Eagles can move. And the possibilities are real that Darnell's second year will be better than his first.

Thirty-seven lettermen, including 14 starters, return to the Tech fold in hopes of a better '84. The offense, a weak spot last season, will have experience at quarterback in three-year starter Tony Costantine (906 yards passing in '83), redshirt Brent Fisher, and converted defensive back Greg Maysonet. Maysonet sparked the golden Eagles to a 1983 season-ending upset over archrival and nationally ranked Middle Tennessee. Larry Hamrick and Nate Hooks lead the receiving corps. Dave Mixon and Sylvester Gregory return as running backs, but with combined totals of only 300 yards. Improved offensive line play is, obviously, vital.

The defense could well be a team strong point. Three members of the secondary return: Danny Crooks, Willie Thompson, and Billy Stover. End Kraig Allen and tackle Mark Ralston are back to anchor the front wall. But someone is needed to fill the shoes of linebacker Jeff Daughtry.

Darnell is optimistic: "We will have good balance: . . We'll have no glaring strengths, but we'll have no glaring weaknesses, either."

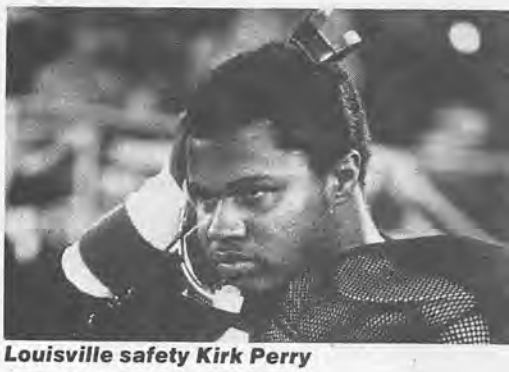
That, in itself, will be a vast improvement.

MOREHEAD STATE

A new football season brings a new coach, MSU grad and former Kansas assistant Bill Baldridge. It also brings the same problems the Eagles faced last year in a disastrous 2-9 campaign: a lack of any proven offensive performers and a defense that is neither giant nor jolly but is definitely green.

The Eagles suffered four shutouts and were held to three points three times last season. The inexperienced and overworked defense had its troubles, too, giving up an average of 32 points in the nine defeats. Baldridge, therefore, had his choice of where to start the rebuilding process. He chose the defense. With that priority, quickness was the main concern. As a result, former wide receiver Rick Calcutt is now a defensive end, as is former defensive back Melvin Knight. Linebacker Randy Frazier, the Eagles' top tackler a year ago, is back at his familiar spot, where he will be joined by former tackle Charlie Franklin.

The offense does return two experienced quarterbacks, Mike Hanlin and Adrian Breen. Hanlin managed to throw for 1,198 yards and complete 54 percent of his tosses a year ago, and Breen, in part-time action, threw for 597 yards. Both could sue the offensive line for non-support, as evidenced by the total of 667 yards in losses suffered by the duo last season. The departure of premier receiver Mark Ledford created a large void.



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NORTH ALABAMA

Coach Wayne Grubb's Lions are coming off one of their most successful efforts ever, but they'll have to do some offensive rebuilding if they are to repeat as GSC champions this season. The Lions, 11-1-1, including an NCAA Division II playoff appearance, have lost quarterback Rusty Towery as well as all but one starter in the offensive line. Bobby Duncan, UNA's starting signal caller in '82, returns, but the other backfield spots are up for grabs among Thomas Calhoun, Stanley Gill, and Richard Cunningham. Center Kevin Nauman anchors the front, along with Scott Shirley, who has been moved from guard to tackle.

Eastern Kentucky DB Jeff Walker

The Lions figure to have one of the best defenses in the nation, with all but eight lettermen returning from that unit. Three members of the secondary that picked off a school-record 28 passes in '83 are back, as are standouts Clifford Mason, at linebacker, and Dean Sanders, at tackle.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

A three-game skid late in the year cost the Choctaws (8-3) the No. 1 ranking they had held in the first eight weeks of the 1983 season. There are some holes to fill, especially at the skill positions. Gone are quarterback Tommy Webster, running back Alvin Kidd, and All-America center Wayne Frazier. Either soph Jim McGhee or redshirt frosh Darren Smith will take over for Webster, while eight players are in the running for the other backfield spots. The Chocs have two quality receivers in tight end Harold Stanfield and wideout Tony Eddins, and the line will be the team's biggest in John Williams's ten years as coach.

On defense, versatile all-conference back Paul Myerchick is gone (to the Minnesota Vikings), but returning are three other All-GSC performers: Earl Conway, Morgan Crosby, and Stevie Rodgers.

LIVINGSTON

The Tigers will have the most potent air attack in the GSC this year, and with 17 starters back from last season's 6-4 team, coach Frank North will challenge for the league title. Senior quarterback Larry Stephenson, who threw for 1,633 yards a year ago, returns. His favorite catcher, Andrew Fields (44 grabs and 10 TDs), leads a talented receiving crew that also includes P.J. Cromer and Zel Brown. Tailback Tommy Truelove keys the running game, with juco All-America John Dixon certain to make his presence felt. The offensive line returns intact, led by All-GSC guard Mike Rozier.

Defensively, the Tigers feature all-conference safety Richard Groover and linebackers Elja Norris and Leon Carlyle, who combined for almost 200 tackles in 1983.

TROY STATE

Coach Chan Gailey's main task in 1984 is to eliminate turnovers. The Trojans (6-5) had 17 fumbles and 13 interceptions a year ago. Quarterback Carey Christensen (902 yards passing, 526 on the ground) returns to run the wishbone. Joining him in the backfield are leading rusher Jimmie Haywood (664 yards), Ted Horstead, and Tommy Dogosh. Tackle Mitch Geier, a second-team All-GSC selection, anchors the front.

Linebacker Robert Bradley, who set a school record for tackles (141) in 1983, and back Thomas Clark fortify the defense.

Murray State TB Willie Cannon

UT-MARTIN

The Pacers (4-7) closed with a rush, winning three of their last four contests a year ago, and coach Fred Pickard is counting on his defense to pick up where it left off. Eight starters return from that unit, including the entire secondary, where safety Jerry Reese is a standout. Glen Harris, Reggie Pope, Freddie Moore, Mike Manginn, and Wendell Verdell make the front a rough line to cross.

Offensively, the Pacers must replace quarterback David Carter. The leading candidates are Ken Golden and former defensive back Peter Matthews. Tony Champion is a sure-handed receiver (39 catches for 768 yards), and Stanley Ladd is a capable runner. Mark Epperson, Jimmy Leake, and Teddy Austin offer rushing support. But the line is inexperienced. Keith Kasnic set a Division II record by kicking 14 consecutive field goals in '83.

Middle Tennessee TB Vince Hall

JACKSONVILLE STATE

The Gamecocks (6-5) have had 13 winning seasons in the last 14 years, but first-year coach Joe Hollis (offensive coordinator at Tulsa for the past four seasons) will be hard-pressed to continue the streak this year. He has seven holes to fill in his offense, where only tackles Barrett Lloyd and Ron Domian and receivers Fran Blanchard and Darry Evans return. The biggest loss is tailback Walter Broughton, now with the Michigan Panthers in the USFL.

On the defensive side, nose guard Alvin Wright, end Kyle McGovern, linebacker Troy Sanders, and cornerback Steve Walker are experienced starters. Hollis is looking for immediate help from his freshmen.

VALDOSTA STATE

Jim Coach Goodman expects his defense, where ten starters return, to turn the Blazers (5-6) into winners in 1984. All-conference linebacker Lenny Parker led the team in tackles; cornerback Dallis Smith was a second-team All-GSC choice.

New offensive coordinator Bobby Johns has installed the veer, which quarterback Terry Mallory returns to direct. He'll run behind tackle Stan Long, a force on the line. Goodman also will call on a large class of redshirts and juco transfers for contributions.

DELTA STATE

Coach Jim "Red" Parker's priority this season is to rebuild the secondary. The Statesmen (5-5) surrendered 18 touchdowns through the air last year. Al Carter is the one regular on hand. He will work with three new teammates in the defensive backfield this time around.

Returning to inflict punishment on opposing secondaries are quarterback Scott Butler, who set or tied 20 school or conference records in '83, and All-GSC split end Kyle Finney. Protecting Butler may be a problem, however, for three of last season's line starters have departed.

WEST GEORGIA

After going 21-1 and winning the Division III championship in the first two years of their football life, the Braves (4-6) found the competition in Division II much tougher in the first year of scholarship play. Coach Bobby Pate has a handful of star performers returning in tailback Trevon Daniels, defensive end Angelo Snipes, All-Gulf South center Mike Shackelford, and punter Bryan Watts, the conference Freshman of the Year.

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1. Southern Methodist, 2. Texas A&M, 3. Texas, 4. Houston, 5. Baylor, 6. Arkansas, 7. Texas Christian, 8. Texas Tech, 9. Rice

southland conference
1. Northeast Louisiana, 2. North Texas State, 3. McNeese State, 4. Texas-Arlington, 5. Louisiana Tech, 6. Arkansas State, 7. Lamar

southwestern athletic conference
1. Grambling, 2. Jackson State, 3. Mississippi Valley, 4. Southern U., 5. Alcorn State, 6. Texas Southern, 7. Prairie View, 8. Alabama State

gulf star conference
1. Southwest Texas State, 2. Stephen F. Austin, 3. Southeast Louisiana, 4. Northwest Louisiana, 5. Nicholls State, 6. Sam Houston State

lone star conference
1. East Texas State, 2. Abilene Christian, 3. Angelo State, 4. Texas A&I, 5. Howard Payne, 6. Eastern New Mexico

independents
1. Texas Lutheran, 2. Trinity

texas intercollegiate aa
1. McMurry, 2. Sul Ross, 3. Austin College, 4. Tarleton State

Longhorn safety Jerry Gray (#2) and Texas A&M defensive end Ray Childress are two of the SWC's premier performers.

southwest

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Try as they might, Southwest Conference foes have had trouble handling the SMU Mustangs in recent seasons. Even without the heralded backfield tandem of Eric Dickerson and Craig James, SMU proved it could withstand almost every challenge last fall as it romped to a 10-1 regular-season record and a trip to the Sun Bowl.

Don't look now, but SMU figures to be the team to beat again in '84. Despite the loss of quarterback Lance McIlhenny, the Ponies should have enough talent at running back and receiver and enough leftover personnel on defense to make life miserable for SWC opponents. But if SMU does reach the Cotton Bowl for the second time in three years, it won't be by a landslide. Unlike last season, when Texas used a superlative defense to hammer out a perfect SWC record, there does not appear to be any team head and shoulders above the rest of the pack. In fact, any one of six teams could emerge as the 1984 SWC champion with just slightly more than an ordinary bit of luck.

Every contender, it seems, has at least one major riddle to solve before staking claim to the role of conference favorite. In SMU's case, it is the question of how well Don King will perform at quarterback in place of McIlhenny. It will be a tough act to follow. Under McIlhenny's guidance, the Ponies went 34-5-1, making McIlhenny the winningest quarterback in SWC history. At Texas A&M, there is a feeling of optimism that Jackie Sherrill will bring the Aggies their first SWC title in almost two decades. But first the Aggies will have to replace all four linebackers, the very core of their defense. Texas also has quarterback problems, plus the uncertainty surrounding Edwin Simmons's knees. A talented sophomore, Simmons was on the verge of becoming the SWC's best running back last fall before succumbing to chronic knee problems which required surgery. "In January, we weren't sure Edwin would ever play football again," Texas coach Fred Akers said. "But now he has a chance."

The SWC's next threesome is considered to house the dark horses in the race. One or two may fade in the stretch, but one of three may have enough kick left at the end to spoil the party for one of the leading contenders. Houston, plagued by inconsistency on offense last season, plans to unveil a young, talented backfield with as much promise and potential as any unit Bill Yeoman has had in many years. "We took 700 snaps this spring and dropped the ball only four or five times," said Yeoman, whose veer offense has been fumble-prone in recent seasons. A lack of depth at several positions may be the Cougars' biggest stumbling block. Baylor could repeat its surprising 1983 season if the right pieces fall into place, but a large loss of talent at running back and receiver could drop the Bears a notch or two in the standings. Arkansas has a favorable early home schedule and an experienced quarterback in Brad Taylor, but new coach Ken Hatfield may have to struggle to find enough adequate personnel at several key positions.

This could be the year when certain teams make considerable improvement on the field but not in the won-loss column. TCU's progress will be measured by how much the Horned Frogs have been able to beef up their offensive and defensive lines. Jim Wacker did bring in one of the better recruiting classes in quite a while last February, but the majority of the incoming freshmen will have to wait a while before leaving their mark on the SWC landscape. Texas Tech has revamped its coaching staff and defensive scheme, but question marks remain at quarterback and fullback. The new miracle worker on offense is coordinator Tom Wilson, who was replaced by Sherrill two years ago as A&M's head coach. "Bringing Tom into the program was an easy decision," said Tech coach Jerry Moore. "If our offense does well, I couldn't care less who gets the credit for it." Rice will have a new coach, in Watson Brown, to go along with its new logo and new uniforms, signs that could yield positive results. The Owls, however, may need a year or two under Brown's direction before making drastic improvement.

The SWC suffered for a while last season after the loss of such stars as Billy Ray Smith, Gary Anderson, Gary Kubiak, Dickerson, and James. This season could be construed as somewhat of a rebuilding period, since many of the league's premier offensive players (running backs Jeff Atkins and Reggie Dupard and receiver Ronald Morris of SMU, running backs Winston Williams and Raymond Tate and quarterback Gerald Landry of Houston, quarterbacks Kevin Murray of Texas A&M, Tom Muecke and Cody Carlson of Baylor, and Simmons) are underclassmen.

Defensively, the SWC should produce its share of standouts. Texas weak safety Jerry Gray and Texas A&M end Ray Childress are the top names on a long list of potential All-SWC candidates. "The end opposite Childress will get a lot of action this year," Sherrill said. "Most people will try to run the play away from Ray."

Most coaches believe overall team depth will be a more critical factor than in previous seasons, a philosophy underlined by the fact that fewer than half of the SWC's teams held spring games this year. "There is a big difference between our depth this year and last year," said Akers, undoubtedly speaking on behalf of several SWC coaches.

The predominant commodity in the Southland Conference this fall will be defense. Many teams return solid defensive units, but few are set on offense. The story of the year last fall was North Texas State's ability to rebound from a 2-9 season to post an 8-3 finish and reach the quarterfinal round of the NCAA playoffs. This time, co-champion Northeast Louisiana doesn't plan on sharing the title with NTSU or anybody else. The Indians return 24 lettermen, enough to get a good start toward another Top 10 national ranking. Their main competition should come from NTSU and McNeese State, each of whom could take the title if the Indians stumble.

Needing only 11 victories to overtake Paul "Bear" Bryant as college football's all-time winningest coach, Grambling's Eddie Robinson will have the center stage this season. And the Tigers will provide a strong supporting cast of all-star talent as they seek to repeat as SWAC champion.

Robinson (313-102-34), who has guided Grambling to 13 league titles during his 42 seasons, currently is tied with "Pop" Warner for third place on the all-time chart. Two more wins will send Robinson past Amos Alonzo Stagg into second place behind Bryant. The Tigers would need a perfect season for the G-man to shoot down Bryant's record, but there are enough guns in the Grambling arsenal to achieve this goal. The Tigers, in fact, have a tank to throw at the opposition in James Polk, whose stature (6-11, 325) is enough to send enemy ball carriers running for cover. Joining Polk on Grambling's All-America check list are cornerback Ed Scott, fullback Reginald Pugh, and defensive tackle Shirra Finn.

Grambling is not the only SWAC team with an array of all-star talent. Mississippi Valley boasts the loop's premier passing combo in quarterback Willie Totten and wide receiver Jerry Rice. Many experts feel Rice will be a first-round pick in the NFL draft. Tackle Lorenzo Clark, who provides excellent protection for Totten, is all-star caliber. Jackson State

1984 all-southwest team

OFFENSE

Quarterback . . Kevin Murray . . SOPH . . Texas A&M
Running back . . Reggie Dupard . . JR . . SMU
Running back . . Jeff Atkins . . SOPH . . SMU
Wide receiver . . James Maness . . SR . . TCU
Wide receiver . . Ron Morris . . SOPH . . SMU
Wide receiver . . Jerry Rice . . SR . . Miss Valley
Tight end . . Carl Hilton . . JR . . Houston
Tackle . . Doug Williams . . JR . . Texas A&M
Tackle . . Scott McLaughlin . . SR . . Rice
Guard . . Andrew Campbell . . SR . . SMU
Guard . . Marcus Elliott . . SR . . Arkansas
Center . . Matt Darwin . . SR . . Texas A&M
Place-kicker . . Jeff Ward . . SOPH . . Texas

DEFENSE

Line . . Ray Childress . . SR . . Texas A&M
Line . . T.J. Turner . . JR . . Houston
Line . . Tony Degrate . . SR . . Texas
Line . . Ervin Randle . . SR . . Baylor
Linebacker . . Ty Allert . . JR . . Texas
Linebacker . . Anthony Beverley . . JR . . SMU
Linebacker . . Kevin Hancock . . SR . . Baylor
Back . . Jerry Gray . . SR . . Texas
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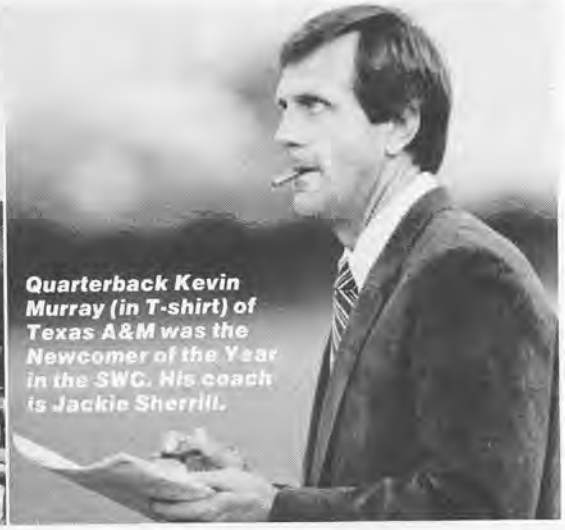

Quarterback Kevin Murray (in T-shirt) of Texas A&M was the Newcomer of the Year in the SWC. His coach is Jackie Sherrill.

has three players worthy of All-America mention: quarterback John McKenzie, tight end Chris Burkett, and linebacker Jackie Walker. Southern is expecting big things from quarterback Herman Coleman, tight end Calvin Magee, and linebacker Ron Comanche. Elsewhere around the league, these players bear watching: quarterback Johnny Holley and tailback Nathaniel Johnson of Texas Southern, linebacker William Tolbert of Alabama State, quarterback Richard Myles of Alcorn, and linebacker Benjamin Carter of Prairie View.

There's a new kid on the Lone Star Conference block, and the league bully in recent years has moved on. Southwest Texas, which shared the title with East Texas State last season after winning three straight crowns outright, has joined the Gulf Star Conference, along with two other longtime LSC members: Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin.

Meanwhile, LSC newcomer Eastern New Mexico will give the loop a six-school alignment. ENMU becomes the first school outside Texas to join the 50-year-old conference. But the Greyhounds, coming off an 8-2-1 season as an NAIA independent, must wait until the 1985 season before they are eligible to compete for the loop crown. That represents bad timing for the Greyhounds, who claim an all-star aerial combo in quarterback Kevin Kott (28 TD passes) and wide receiver Steve Jackson (13 TD catches). Unfortunately for ENMU, both players are seniors.

East Texas State has been pegged the title favorite, with Abilene Christian, Texas A&I, and Angelo State battling for the runner-up spot. Howard Payne is on the rise, but the Yellow Jackets are not in the class with the other four schools.

There are no scholarship players, and the head coaches change as often as Texas weather. However, the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association has gained solid footing, and last season saw the league take another big step by going 5-4 against schools having scholarship programs. The loop champ has advanced to the NAIA Division II playoffs five of the past six years. (Austin College shared the title with Concordia in '81.)

Competition is keen among the four TIAA schools, as was evidenced last season when McMurry and Sul Ross tied for the championship with 4-2 records while playing a double round-robin schedule. Austin College (3-3) finished a close third and Tarleton (1-5) brought up the rear. The final standings should have a similar look this year, with the title nod going to McMurry.

southwest conference

SOUTHERN METHODIST

After three consecutive ten-win seasons, two Southwest Conference championships, and a lengthy residence in the major-college polls, what can the Mustangs do for an encore? Earn another trip to the Cotton Bowl, that's what. The Mustangs have been at or near the top of the SWC recruiting derby for several years, stockpiling the talent the Longhorns and Aggies used to monopolize. And with four starters returning on each side of the line, plus a long list of quality athletes ready to move into the limelight, the chances for another SWC title appear good indeed.

One thing Bobby Collins hasn't lacked in his first two seasons at SMU has been a consistent running game. Two years ago, Eric Dickerson and Craig James terrorized SWC defenses while leading the Mustangs to a No. 2 national ranking. Last fall, the tailback combination of Jeff Atkins and Reggie Dupard accounted for 2,186 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns while helping SMU to a 10-2 mark. The fullback position will be in the capable hands of senior Gary Hashaway.

SMU's critical concern this fall will be to maintain a high level of play at quarterback. All-SWC performer Lance McIlhenny graduated after four years as a starter, leaving junior Don King as the heir apparent. He attempted only ten passes a year ago. There will, however, be plenty of targets to hit. Sophomore Ronald Morris returns as the conference's premier receiver. He caught 41 passes for 688 yards last season. Senior Bobby Leach adds experience at the other split-end spot, while sophomore Albert Reese appears ready to take over at tight end. SMU's passing game could improve drastically with the return of Marquis Pleasant, who spent the spring in junior college trying to regain his academic eligibility. His future with the Mustangs was uncertain at the end of spring training.

SMU received good news when All-SWC center Chris Jackson was granted an extra year of eligibility under the NCAA's new freshman participation rule. He will team with All-SWC guard Andrew Campbell to add experience to a line that has helped the Mustangs lead the conference in rushing each of the last three seasons. Depth shouldn't be a problem, with the return of Craig Kennington, Mike Eidson, Roy Dunn, and Dale Hellestrae.

On paper, the Mustangs' defense ranks among the most formidable in the SWC. Starters Mitch Willis, Michael Carter, and Doug Hollie are gone, but reserve tackles John Eixman and Tom Linebarger and nose guard Jerry Ball return from a team that ranked second in the nation in total defense last season. SMU's strongest position on defense could be outside linebacker, where Anthony Beverley and Ron Anderson have emerged as two of the SWC's best. Kit Case and T.D. Briggs are the top names on a long list of players vying for starting roles at inside linebacker.

No player will be more difficult to replace for the Mustangs than All-America free safety Russell Carter, who led the SWC with seven interceptions a year ago. The secondary, a critical factor in the Mustangs' success over the past three seasons, will have to be rebuilt from among such candidates as Reggie Phillips, Rod Jones, Darrell Reese, and safety Keith Brooks, who played receiver during his first two seasons. Freshman Brandy Brownlee, an all-state player in high school, is expected to take over as the Mustangs' starting place-kicker.

When all the dust settles, SMU's toughest opponent may be the NCAA. The Mustangs' football program has been under preliminary investigation for alleged recruiting violations. Final word is expected from the NCAA by September, but any possible probation likely would not be announced until the end of the bowl season.

TEXAS A&M

Progress has been slow for the Aggies in their first two years under Jackie Sherrill. A 5-6 record was followed by last year's 5-5-1 finish, but a soft non-conference slate and six home games in their first seven starts should assure the Aggies of a bowl bid this time.

A crack emerged in A&M's offensive foundation when sophomore quarterback Kevin Murray tore a ligament in his right knee during the Aggies' spring game. Murray should be ready for the start of the season, a must if A&M is to contend for its first SWC championship since 1967. Murray finished his freshman year as the SWC's leader in total offense, averaging 164.3 yards in only seven starts.

Toward the end of last season the Aggies were using an all-freshman backfield that consisted of Murray and running backs Roger Vick and Rod Bernstine. A&M has considerable depth at running back, with the return of Ira Valentine, Keith Woodside, and junior-college transfer Anthony Toney, who missed all of last season with assorted injuries. If the Aggies have a deficiency on offense, however, it is the lack of a game-breaking running back.

Shea Walker and Jeff Nelson are the most prominent names in a steady but unspectacular receiving corps. Incoming freshman Tony Jones, a heralded sprinter in high school and one of the state's most coveted recruits last winter, could fit into the Aggies' plans this fall.

The Aggies' offensive line should be strengthened with the return of three-year starter Matt Darwin, tackle Nate Steadman, and guards Randy Wylie and Ken Reeves. The newcomer to the starting unit will be Doug Williams, a 295-pound transfer from the University of Kentucky. All-SWC tight end Rich Siler looms as the Aggies' best target after catching 40 passes a year ago. Mark Lewis is determined to overcome the knee injury that has kept him on the sideline for all but one game the last two seasons. If he returns at or near full strength, the Aggies will have some much-needed depth at the position.

Ray Childress is the standout member of a defensive unit that returns five starters. Childress, an All-America defensive end regarded as a legitimate candidate for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award, recorded 117 tackles and 15 sacks as a junior. He and Rod Saddler will be the bookends on a defensive front which may include sophomore Jay Muller at nose guard.

If the Aggies have a problem position, it is linebacker. All four starters in their 3-4 scheme graduated, prompting the Aggies to shift Johnny Holland and Ken Ford out of the secondary. Larry Kelm and Todd Howard are being groomed for the other two starting linebacker positions. Junior Domingo Bryant is one of three starters who return in a secondary that helped the Aggies finish fifth in the nation in pass defense last fall. Veterans Wayne Asberry and Darrell Austin will join Bryant and reserve Tony Slaton as starters.

A&M's "Twelfth Man" concept, which uses student volunteers on kickoff coverage teams, will assume added importance this season. Under a new NCAA rule, kickoffs that reach the end zone will be brought out to the 30-yard line, not the 20, as in previous years. Alan Smith and Eric Franklin, brother of former A&M star Tony Franklin, will contend for the place-kicking duties, while sophomore Craig Stump is likely to take over the punting and serve as Murray's backup at quarterback.

TEXAS

What a difference a year can make. Last season, the Longhorns' success was attributed to a physically punishing defensive unit that led the nation in fewest yards allowed. This time, however, the majority of Texas's 1984 hopes are pinned to a pair of wobbly knees.

Coach Fred Akers and the Longhorns came within an eyelash of an undefeated season and a possible national championship last fall. Georgia placed the only blemish on Texas's 11-1 record with a 10-9 victory over the Longhorns in the Cotton Bowl. The defense was excellent, but the offense, particularly after the midseason loss of tailback Edwin Simmons, was inconsistent. Texas's concerns on offense were underlined when Simmons underwent surgery on both knees in February. Perhaps the most dynamic running back in the SWC when healthy, Simmons should be nearing full strength by September. Should he return in peak condition, he undoubtedly will ease some of the commotion caused by the Longhorns' continuing game of musical chairs at quarterback. Senior Rob Moerschell was the starter during much of last season, but Todd Dodge, Danny Akers, and sophomore Bret Stafford all have first-team aspirations. Dodge was granted an extra year of eligibility under the NCAA's new freshman participation rule and will be a junior this fall. The starting job, however, could go to Stafford, considered the best college quarterback prospect in Texas two years ago. "Stafford is a double threat," Akers said. He can run and throw, and he's a good scrambler."

Fullback should be the Longhorns' strongest position on offense with the return of veterans Ronnie Robinson, Ervin Davis, Jerome Johnson, and Terry Orr. Texas added another offensive weapon with the signing of junior-college all-purpose back Norman Nunn, a 5-foot-5 All-America who probably will be used on special teams. The receiving corps should benefit from the return of Bill Boy Bryant, Kelvin Epps, Everett Gay, and former high school All-America Brent Duhon. Junior center Gene Chilton is the only holdover from an offensive line that will be partially reconstructed with tackle John Stuart and guard Greg Wright.

While defense traditionally has been the Longhorns' hallmark, the kicking game has risen to prominence at Texas. John Teltschik emerged as the SWC's most consistent punter a year ago by booming long kicks and displaying a knack for pinning teams inside their own ten-yard line. Place-kicker Jeff Ward received much consideration for SWC Newcomer of the Year honors after coverting on 15 of 16 field-goal attempts and all 31 extra-point tries during the regular season.

All-America weak safety Jerry Gray is the leader of a defense that includes tackle Tony Degrate and linebackers Ty Allert, Tony Edwards, and June James. In all, only four starters return on defense for the Longhorns. Ralph Darnell and freshman redshirt Newt Harrell have been projected as possible starters in an overhauled front line. Tony Tillman was moved from receiver to cornerback to help alleviate one Longhorn weakness. The secondary could make considerable improvement if strong safety Richard Peavy returns from a severe late-season knee injury.

HOUSTON

The Cougars slumped to a 4-7 finish last season while handling the ball as if it were a hand grenade. Houston set a team record by losing 32 fumbles, a dubious distinction that led to many sleepless nights for Bill Yeoman. But with six starters back on offense and seven on defense, Houston may be ready to reverse its losing slide.

This fall, Houston's backfield should be an asset instead of a liability. Sophomore Gerald Landry emerged as one of the SWC's most promising young quarterbacks by accounting for 1,203 yards total offense in the four games he started at the end of last season. He also set a school single-game record by passing for 340 yards against Texas Tech. Little wonder the Cougars put added emphasis on the passing game during the spring. Junior split end Larry Shepherd should become one of the SWC's premier pass catchers. He caught 16 passes for 209 yards last year, and had two scoring receptions of 70 or more yards as a freshman. Yeoman also is hopeful junior Carl Hilton will achieve the lofty status predicted for him as a tight end and provide Houston with another receiving threat.

Whatever success the Cougars have this year will be linked to the production of their inexperienced running backs. Raymond Tate and Winston Williams, the projected starters, have carried the ball only 48 times between

The Longhorn offense features quarterback Ron Moerschell and tailback Edwin Simmons (#33).

them. Center Todd Schoppe is the anchor of an offensive line that also features tackles Gary Heitmann and Brian Teykl.

The heart of Houston's defense will be an experienced line built around T.J. Turner and Eddie Gilmore, a pair of 265-pounders who will be flanked by ends Simon Fletcher and James Holmens. Turner and Gilmore were two of many Houston players who benefited from a rigorous offseason running program. "We were terribly obese last year," Yeoman said. "Most of our players have lost 15 to 18 pounds since the end of last season." The Cougars' most important project on defense last spring was finding replacements for the departed linebackers Eugene Lockhart and Sebastian Harris. Freshman redshirt Robert Harper and Gary McGuire are likely candidates.

Yeoman and his staff have succeeded in transforming the secondary from a concern to a strength by juggling several players. Audrey McMillian apparently has found a home at free safety after several trials at quarterback, but depth in the backfield remains a problem.

The surprising Bears are led by quarterback Tom Muecke (top) and linebacker Kevin Hancock.

That situation could be alleviated by the arrival of freshman Randy Thornton, a high school All-America from Harvey, La., who has been labeled as the Cougars' best recruit since Wilson Whitley.

BAYLOR

The Bears were the SWC's surprise team of 1983, posting a 7-3-1 record and earning a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl. But most of the offensive firepower Baylor had is missing from this year's arsenal, placing an added burden on the defense to overcome a series of injuries. Take away running backs Alfred Anderson and Allen Rice and receivers Gerald McNeil and Bruce Davis and it's easy to see why Grant Teaff believes Baylor's defense will have to note improvement this fall. "We've lost 72 percent of our offensive output from last year," Teaff said. "Offensively, we will be able to get by with less production if our defense comes through."

The Bears switched to a 4-4 defensive alignment last year. The interior line will be headed by fifth-year senior Paul Mergenhagen and Gregg Bomkamp, who missed much of last season with a knee injury. Pat Coryatt, a superior 290-pound lineman with All-SWC potential, ruptured his Achilles' tendon while jogging and missed all of spring training. End Ervin Randle and linebacker Kevin Hancock are expected to be the Bears' leaders on defense. Randle made the transition from linebacker last fall and earned All-SWC honors. Hancock calls the defensive signals and makes adjustments at the line. The injury bug continued to plague Baylor's defense in the spring when sophomore Aaron Grant broke his ankle and missed considerable time.

The Bears have an interesting situation at quarterback, where Cody Carlson and Tom Muecke have battled to a near stalemate for the starting position for more than a year. Carlson, a sophomore, was ranked fourth in the nation in passing (1,617 yards) last season and first in the SWC. Muecke was second behind Carlson in SWC stats. Instead of alternating his quarterbacks in series, Teaff plans to alternate them by quarters this season. "The one who has the better fall will end up being our starter," Teaff said. "The other will come in to play the second quarter. We've been pleased with both of them. They were elected co-captains on offense and they've emerged as natural leaders."

The responsibility of rejuvenating the Bears' ground game has fallen on the shoulders of Ron Francis, who missed last season. Francis has been switched from defensive back to tailback, where he likely will team with fullback Broderick Sargent. Bobby Joe Conrad, Glenn Pruitt, and Leland Douglas will try to put some punch back in the Bears' passing attack. They caught 11 passes among them last fall, 93 fewer than the McNeil-Davis combination.

ARKANSAS

Former favorite son Ken Hatfield returns to his alma mater this fall after spending five years at Air Force and leading the Falcons to back-to-back bowl games for the first time in the school's history. Hatfield's homecoming celebration will be a lengthy one. The Razorbacks play their first five games at home, just what the doctor ordered while Arkansas learns the nuances of Hatfield's flexbone offense.

Although Arkansas returns 15 starters from last year's 6-5 team, Hatfield let it be known that every position was up for grabs during the spring. Brad Taylor, one of the SWC's most consistent quarterbacks, was given competition for his job by junior Mark Calcagni and former receiver Rod Forte. But by the end of the spring, Taylor had won the starting job. "When Brad masters this offense, our opponents are going to have a hard time preparing for us in just one week," Hatfield said.

The Hogs had trouble with their running game last fall, an area that should note considerable improvement this season. Derrick Taylor and Marshall Foreman are the projected fullbacks, while Carl Miller, Bobby Joe Edmonds, Billy Warren, and Terry Tatum offer

Arkansas quarterback Brad Taylor

adequate size and speed at halfback.

Pass targets shouldn't be a problem, with the return of sophomores James Shibest and Donnie Centers, both of whom established themselves as freshmen. Tight end Eddie White has returned to back up Luther Franklin. Center Andy Upchurch, tackle Robert Wilcoxen, and All-SWC guard Marcus Elliott are all veterans in the offensive line. That unit should receive an added boost with the presence of Mike Ihrie, who missed all but one game last fall because of injury.

The Razorbacks will line up in an overshifted "50" defense this season, after using a multiple set the last three seasons under former coach Lou Holtz. Hatfield has ample experience to work with while implementing his new scheme as eight regulars return from last year's squad. Tackle Bobby King and nose guard Rodney Beachum offer size and experience, but the lack of quality depth up front is a concern. Outside linebacker Ravin Caldwell is the only returnee in a linebacking corps that will have to be restructured around Nick Miller, David Bazzel, and Eric Whitted.

The secondary will play a critical role in Arkansas' attempt to earn a bowl bid for the seventh time in eight years. Cornerbacks Greg Gatson and Greg Lasker and safety Kevin Wyatt have starting experience. Depth will come from Steve Jones and Kenn Massa.

The kicking game, a sore spot last fall when Arkasas misfired on eight field-goal attempts, should be improved. Sophomore Greg Horne established himself as the Hogs' No. 1 placekicker despite an up-and-down freshman season. He also was a leading candidate to become Arkansas' starting punter.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Jim Wacker encountered considerable turbulence last season after leaving back-to-back national championship teams at Southwest Texas State to assume the head coaching job for the Horned Frogs. The end result was a 1-8-2 record tarnished by an early series of narrow defeats. Whether TCU can regroup this season largely will depend on the progress

made by the nine offensive starters who return and the emergence of some much-needed help at linebacker.

Wacker's indoctrination into major-college football a year ago was dampened by TCU's noticeable shortage of quality linemen. This year, the Frogs believe they will be improved in that area, particularly on offense. Starting center Mike Flynn and part-time regular Bill Harp both were awarded an extra year of eligibility under the NCAA's retroactive freshman redshirt ruling. Flynn and Harp will be joined in the offensive line by tackle James Benson, guard Tommy Shehan, tight end Dan Sharp, and returning left tackle Steve Page. On defense, the starting line will be anchored by sophomores Kent Tramel, Bill Tommaney, and Brian Brazil, all of whom were members of Wacker's first recruiting class at TCU. A real plus has been the progress made by defensive end Kevin Dean.

Anthony Gulley and Anthony Sciaraffa battled each other for the starting quarterback job a year ago, and each started several games. This season's plans are even more muddled, however, as Thomas Ledet and Victor Bolden have turned the race into a four-way scramble. Competition was heavy in the spring for the running-back spot opposite Kenneth Davis. A two-year starter, Davis has rushed for more than 1,200 yards during his college career. His running mate in TCU's veer could be redshirt Tony Jeffrey, who was moved out of the secondary. All-SWC performer James Maness, blessed with 4.4 speed, is the most prominent receiver.

The Frogs have tried to upgrade their status at defensive end by moving Greg Jones from quarterback and David Caldwell from tackle. But TCU's real problem area remains at linebacker, where starters Kyle Clifton and Robert

Texas Tech DE Brad White (#74)

Lyles graduated and promising sophomore Gary Spann is lost for the year. TCU's coaching staff tested several players there in the spring, including sophomore Andy Pitts, sophomore redshirt Gearld Taylor, and walk-on Chuck Dickenson.

"We looked at some of our more agile and mobile athletes there," Wacker said. "Plus, we're hoping that some of our younger players will show big steps of development within that position."

The secondary should be a strong point with the return of All-America candidate Byron Linwood at safety and senior Sean Thomas at cornerback. Former Texas high school standout Egypt Allen has been moved back to free safety after an unsuccessful tryout at running back. Punter James Gargus, who averaged 42.8 yards last fall, adds punch to the Frogs' kicking game.

TEXAS TECH

Spring training was used as a get-acquainted session for Red Raiders players and coaches. Tech hired five new assistant coaches under Jerry Moore during the offseason in a step to help improve on last year's 3-7-1 mark that left the Raiders without a victory in their last five games. Seven starters return on offense and five on defense to help reverse the trend.

One of the more interesting coaching moves involved the hiring of former Texas A&M head coach Tom Wilson as the Red Raiders' offensive coordinator. Wilson played under Moore at Corsicana High School and played quarterback for Tech in the 1960s.

Inconsistency on offense was Tech's biggest concern a year ago. Four players who had been redshirted at one time or another contended for the quarterback job in the spring, with senior Perry Morren getting the inside track toward replacing graduated senior Jim Hart. The I-back situation is considerably more stable with the return of Robert Lewis, who averaged 93 yards rushing per game last fall, and promising sophomore Timmy Smith. But there is a severe lack of depth at fullback, where Freddie Wells and Joe Chase are the only returnees with appreciable experience.

Tech's most improved area could be the offensive line, where starters Danny Buzzard, Joe Walter, Jim McIntire, and Joe McMeans all return. Depth will have to come from products of Tech's exhaustive freshman redshirt program. One such player, Ricky Boysaw, has been moved from linebacker to tight end and figures to be a primary passing target this fall. Troy Smith is the only veteran receiver at Tech's disposal.

Most of the progress the Red Raiders have made since the end of last season has been on defense. Starting end Wayne Dawson and tackles Brad White and David Bowdre comprise the nucleus of a steady front line. The linebackers are young but adequate. Dwayne Jiles is the only starter returning, but Brad Hastings and Mike Davis both saw considerable action in reserve roles a year ago. Carl Carter will patrol a secondary that must replace three starters.

Incoming freshmen could play a major role in Tech's season, particularly at the skill positions. Isaac Garnett could emerge as a contender at fullback, while receiver Lemuel Stinson has the game-breaking speed Tech needs at that position.

RICE

A new era is dawning for the Owls. After 0-11 and 1-10 seasons, Rice hired former Cincinnati coach Watson Brown to a six-year contract for a reported $1.3 million. Brown promptly hired eight new assistants and unveiled a new logo and new uniforms to help shake up the Owls as they aim for their first winning season since 1963.

The most noticeable difference under Brown will be the implementation of an escalated passing attack. In Brown's two years as offensive coordinator at Vanderbilt, the Commodores led the Southeastern Conference in passing. To accomplish the same results at Rice, the Owls first must find a quarterback. The two leading candidates in the spring were Kerry Overton and Eddie Burgoyne, but junior-college transfer Sean Sterle should challenge for the starting role in fall drills.

Sophomore tailback Marc Scott, tackle Scott McLaughlin, and receiver Melvin Robinson are Rice's most promising names on offense. Scott rushed for at least 100 yards in every Rice scrimmage in the spring, and McLaughlin showed signs of reaching his full potential after transferring from the University of Nebraska two years ago. Robinson missed all of spring training while recovering from a knee injury. If healthy, he could become one of the SWC's most versatile threats as a receiver and kick returner.

The remaining spots in the starting offensive line are up for grabs. Brown's most important project over the summer was getting his players to work out with weights and increase their strength. Brown also was considering the possibility of a three-wide-receiver offense in the fall to compensate for the Owls' lack of depth at tight end.

TCU has two All-America players in strong safety Byron Linwood (top) and flanker James Maness.

The addition of a new weight room was one of the bright spots of the spring. Brown was less than pleased at the physical condition of some of the Rice players when he arrived on campus last November. "We're a weak football team," he said. "Everybody will have to get stronger. We have a young team; we figured that if we were to start the season tomorrow, we'd start only four or five seniors."

Question marks abound on defense, where Joe Heikkenen and seven other candidates

are vying for starting linebacker duty. Raul Loya and Darryl Duffie, a pair of 265-pound linemen, should give Rice some much-needed strength in the front. Junior-college transfer Earnest Evans is expected to bolster a secondary that includes returnees Keith Kidd, Alvin Rettig, and Rayford Abraham.

The kicking duties are up for grabs. The top contenders are sophomore Mark Shupak, a three-time all-state high school player from Huntsville, and James Hamrick.

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NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Defense has become a hallmark in recent years for the Indians, who led the SLC in total defense for the second consecutive year and shared co-championship honors with North Texas State in 1983. Another successful year should be on the way since NLU returns seven defensive starters from a team that allowed opponents an average of fewer than 11 points per game last fall.

Key personnel on defense include end Glenn Esan, who led the team with six fumbles recovered or caused, and All-America tackle Bennie Jones. Ronnie Washington, the team's leading tackler a year ago, is back at one linebacker spot, while starters David Outley, Darrell Slater, Mike Howard, and Mike Turner all return in the secondary.

A trial-and-error period is expected on offense. Guard Mike Grantham, tight end Joey

North Texas RB Nathan Williams

Evans, and quarterback Rodney Horn are the only holdovers with starting experience. Help could come from Wally Brister, a quarterback transfer from Tulane, and Tulsa tailback transfer Carl Long. Offensive line candidates include Bobby Asnor, Mike Porter, David Paxton, and 278-pound Bo Swilley.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

The Eagles came through with one of the biggest turnarounds in the nation last season, finishing with an 8-4 record and advancing to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA playoffs after posting a 2-9 mark the year before. Coach Corky Nelson is optimistic the upswing will continue since NTSU returns four of five starters in the defensive backfield and its top two running backs.

On offense, All-SLC wide receiver Tim Wasson will return after catching 37 passes for 553 yards last season. Another integral member of the offense will be running back Nathan Williams, who rushed for 691 yards a year ago. Williams will be joined in the starting backfield by senior Richard Buckingham. The Eagles also are counting on big performances from tight end Dennis Kuithe, who sat out last season, and defensive back Jerry Pickens.

Scott Toman likely will replace Greg Carter as the Eagles' starting quarterback. Toman played in seven games as a freshman last season, completing 17 of 25 pass attempts for 295 yards. NTSU's critical areas will be the offensive and defensive lines, where six of nine starters must be replaced.

McNEESE STATE

John McCann guided the Cowboys to a 6-5 record in his first year last season and will welcome seven starters on offense and defense in hopes of a higher finish. "We did lose some outstanding players, McCann said, "but I believe we will be better offensively and defensively."

Quarterback Don Richards, split end Keith Ortego, and tight end Andy Vance are among the veterans who will have to compensate for the loss of All-America tailback Buford Jordan. Subester Brooks and David Anderson will contend with Richards for the starting quarterback role, while guards Ivy Woods and Richard Burks, tackle Lark Hebert, and center Rucker Davis add experience in the line.

The Cowboys' defense is built around end Bill Kingrey, one of the more consistent performers in the SLC. Other returning starters include tackles Melvin Johnson and Ross Leger, linebacker John Bohacek, cornerback Todd McArthur, strong safety Mark Hamilton, and free safety Bob Savoie. The kicking game is expected to be a strong point. Tony Whittington is back after setting a school record by converting 17 of 23 field-goal attempts.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON

The winds of change swept through the UTA football program during the winter, bringing a new coach with a winning background to the scene. Chuck Curtis, who coached Texas high school champions at two different classifications and served as offensive coordinator for SMU during the Mustangs' 1966 SWC championship season, was named to take the Movin' Mavs out of a 2-4 SLC tailspin.

Curtis will begin his first year at the helm with a strong foundation. Of UTA's 46 returning lettermen, 24 are found on an offense that returns eight starters. The running game should be in good shape, with veteran halfbacks Scotty Caldwell and Andre Gray and fullback Robert Brodner. Caldwell led the team in rushing a year ago with 1,090 yards and ten touchdowns. Tackles Bruce Collie and Rick Flores and guard Bill Bloomer are mainstays in an experienced offensive line.

The situation is promising on defense, where ends Bob Howard and Dennis Golsch and tackle Richard Main provide a formidable front line. All three linebackers must be replaced, but cornerback Tim McKyer and strong safety David Phillips return.

LOUISIANA TECH

If the Bulldogs are to make any improvement on last year's 4-7 season, an experienced defense will have to carry the load. Tech's linebackers could be among the best in the SLC, and the Bulldogs' line returns four starters.

Mention defense at Tech and the conversation turns to linebacker Doug "Tank" Landry, who led the Bulldogs last year with 178 tackles and tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Landry also broke up four passes, recovered three fumbles and caused four more. He will be joined by veteran linebacker Jon Paul Laque, nose guard Donald Myers, end Walter Johnson, and strong safety Aldon Kelley in the nucleus of Tech's defense.

Quarterback David Brewer, who passed for 1,848 yards and nine touchdowns last fall, returns on offense along with running back Nate Williams and linemen Clayton Shoemaker, Lynn Sanders, and Milton Roeder. Shoemaker played every position in the line as a freshman and ended the year as the starting center.

ARKANSAS STATE

Defense is the byword for the Indians, whose hopes for improvement on last year's 5-5-1 record and third-place SLC finish can be

Arlington TB Scotty Caldwell

traced to a group of eight returning starters on defense. Key names to remember are cornerback Jerome Sims, who intercepted seven passes last fall, and linebacker Stacey Price. A former Arkansas decathlon champion, Price led the Indians in tackles last season.

The situation is a bit more precarious on offense, where only three starters are back. Major question marks have arisen at quarterback and running back. The Indians must find a replacement for fifth-year senior quarterback Tim Lansford. Some of the workload will fall on the shoulders of fullback Rickey Gemison and wide receiver Judious Lewis, who caught 30 passes last fall. Several starting candidates have surfaced in the offensive line, including John Suskie and Mark McMinn.

LAMAR

Smoothing the edges of a new offense and stopping a seven-game losing streak are among the top priorities for the Cardinals when they open their third season under Ken Stephens.

Lamar has junked its pro-I offense and implemented a split-back veer attack in hopes of reversing last year's 1-5 SLC mark and 2-9 overall record. The man in charge of the offense likely will be quarterback Dennis Haskin, a walk-on who directed only one three-play series last season while spending most of the year as a punt/kickoff returner and wide receiver. George Landry, who led the team with 554 yards last season despite missing two games because of injury, is one of five starters back on offense.

The defense should make considerable progress, particularly in a secondary that re-

turns veterans Billy Bell, Mozell Darthard, and Jamey Sherman. The kingpin, however, remains linebacker Eugene Seale, who was named the SLC's Defensive Player of the Year last season. Seale missed spring training to concentrate on the shot put after setting a school record a year ago with 170 tackles. All-SLC tackle Phillip Mack also returns.

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GRAMBLING

(8-1-2) The Tigers will make their pitch for a repeat title with the legendary Eddie Robinson serving up his coaching magic for the 43rd season. And the G-men will swing from the heels with their roster showing 11 regulars among 28 returning monogram winners. Heading the list are fullback Reggie Pugh and gigantic defensive tackle James Polk (6-11, 325). Both were first-team all-conference picks last season. Pugh was the league's top rusher, with 831 yards (6.4 average per carry). Polk is mobile for his size, as he proved against Jackson State by making 14 tackles—four for no gain.

The passing game may be less productive with the departure of Hollis Brent, who threw for 1,673 yards and 18 touchdowns. Anthony Anderson has the inside track on the starting job. Tailback Wayne Hill and wingback Dwayne Jupiter also are probable starters. Flanker Calvin Nicholas (6-4, 195) heads the receiving corps after hauling in 22 passes for 512 yards a year ago. Tackles Emmitt Douglas (285), Barry Lee (280), and Todd Broussard (275) will throw their weight around in the offensive line.

The Tigers' defense led the league during their march to the title, yielding a modest 203 yards per game, but that figure may soar with graduation claiming all three starting linebackers. The trio of Joe Williams, Roderick Walker, and Elston Piper will try to fill the bill. Polk, end Sean Smith, and tackle Shirra Finn are standouts in the defensive line. Ed Scott will help solidify the secondary.

JACKSON STATE

(8-3) W.C. Gorden will be gunning for his fourth SWAC championship in five seasons, and the Tigers have the aerial weapons to pull it off in quarterback John McKenzie and wide receiver Chris Burkett (6-4, 192). The senior combo compiled scintillating stats last season: McKenzie, a pre-med major, connected on 142 of 284 passes for 2,067 yards—all school records—and 17 TDs; Burkett had 42 grabs for 772 yards and nine TDs.

There is plenty more talent among the 40 returning lettermen (12 starters). Carl Blue, the team's No. 2 rusher last season, will supply ground punch. Guard Frank Sutton (255) will anchor an offensive line that also features such bruisers as tackle Martin Turner (265) and guard Jason Smith (260). Center William Follins (235) adds experience.

The defensive line is in a rebuilding stage, but tackles Reginald Carr (280), Steve Martin (230), Ben McGhee (225), and Deatrich Wise (235) provide a firm foundation. Linebacking will be a strong point. Ladell Wills and Jackie Walker ranked 1-2 on the tackle chart. Wills was credited with 12 sacks and Walker returned an interception 66 yards for a score. Each gained all-conference honors. Transfer Cedric Kelly and Cleveland Parker (5-9, 235) also will bid for starting linebacker jobs.

Darrell Woods, another all-league returnee, is the top defensive back. The place-kicking chores will be in the capable hands of Eric Dozier, the loop's second-leading scorer a year ago when he booted 31 of 32 extra points and 12 of 19 field-goal attempts.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(7-2-1) Coming off their best finish since 1956, the Delta Devils are gearing up for another strong showing. Quarterback Willie Totten and wide receiver Jerry Rice (6-3, 205) will fuel an attack that averaged 463 yards per game. The Devils set school records by scoring 392 points and 56 touchdowns. Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley will shoot for the top with a squad that includes 16 regulars and 40 lettermen. Half of those starters captured all-conference honors.

Totten, a junior, completed 62 percent of his passes for 2,566 yards and 29 touchdowns. Rice, a senior, snared 102 passes for 1,450 yards and 14 TDs in winning Player of the Year honors. Fullback Carl Byrum, the team's top rusher a year ago (606 yards), returns. Freddie Parker, Jeremiah Snowden, and Walter Cox also are strong runners. Guard James Thompson (290) and tackle Lorenzo Clark (265) carry all-league credentials in the offensive line. Tackle Joe Bridges (260) is sturdy.

Heading the defensive unit will be safety

McNeese State QB Don Richards

Clarence Trotter, nose guard Lloyd Mumphrey (250), end Rod Miller (230), and tackle Robert Sanders (250). Trotter was voted the league's Freshman of the Year, while Mumphrey, Miller, and Sanders earned all-conference ranking. Tackle Paul Jones (270) and cornerback Albert Edwards (178) also are stellar performers.

SOUTHERN

(7-4) Otis Washington is bidding for a third straight winning season, and the Jaguar coach is confident his team will make a run for the top spot. The Jags boast a seasoned squad with 39 lettermen and 16 starters.

Quarterback Herman Coleman, who threw for 1,610 yards and 15 touchdowns as a freshman, will trigger a potent passing attack. His main target will be tight end Calvin MaGee (6-4, 227), the team's top receiver a year ago (28 receptions for 511 yards and 7 TDs). Split end Ray Kyles and flanker Kevin Johnson also are capable. Kyles snared 14 aerials for 474 yards (33.8-yard average) last season. Tailback Ronald Scott and fullback James Evans should improve as a soph running combo. Tackle Kevin Paul (250), freshman guard Phillip James (240), and center Derek Foxx (230) are strong links in the forward wall.

Spearheading the defense will be linebacker Ron Comanche, who figured in a team-high 126 tackles (71 solo stops). Harry Ling and Gerald Raby will provide added linebacking punch. Mitch Livings (245) and Victor Hall (225) are mainstays up front. Brian Forsythe is a talented pass defender (five interceptions). Other vets in the secondary are Troy Ancar and Leonce White.

ALCORN STATE

(7-3) The Braves are expected to be in the thick of the title fight with 19 regulars returning from last season's team. Marino Casem, beginning his third decade as the school's grid chief, is blessed with an array of talent among 39 lettermen.

Quarterback Richard Myles possesses one of the strongest arms in the league. The senior signal caller completed 75 of 152 passes for 1,119 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Soph tailback Barry Robinson poses a two-way threat after rushing for a team-high 464 yards and grabbing 16 passes for 191 yards in his rookie year. Tight end Donald Walker (6-2, 228) bears watching. The offensive line lacks depth, but a trio of hefty recruits—Reginald Jordan (290), Robert Lee (275), and Thomas Brown (270)—will be tough to budge.

The secondary is solid, with Issiac Holt and Erick Moon leading the way. Holt has picked off 18 passes in three seasons. Moon also excels as a return specialist, averaging 20.6 and 7.7 yards on kickoffs and punts. Arnold Campbell (220), Lorenzo King (268), and Michael Simpson (274) are line stalwarts. Freshmen Keith Ranson and Roy Coleman will bid for linebacking jobs.

Southern U. LB Ron Comanche

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(4-6) The Tigers will play a wide-open brand of football under new coach Lionel Taylor, who served as offensive coordinator in 1980 for the Los Angeles Rams, a team whose offense ranked No. 1 in the NFL that year. Tiger fans are hoping Taylor will work his magic on the college level. Although 16 regulars are back

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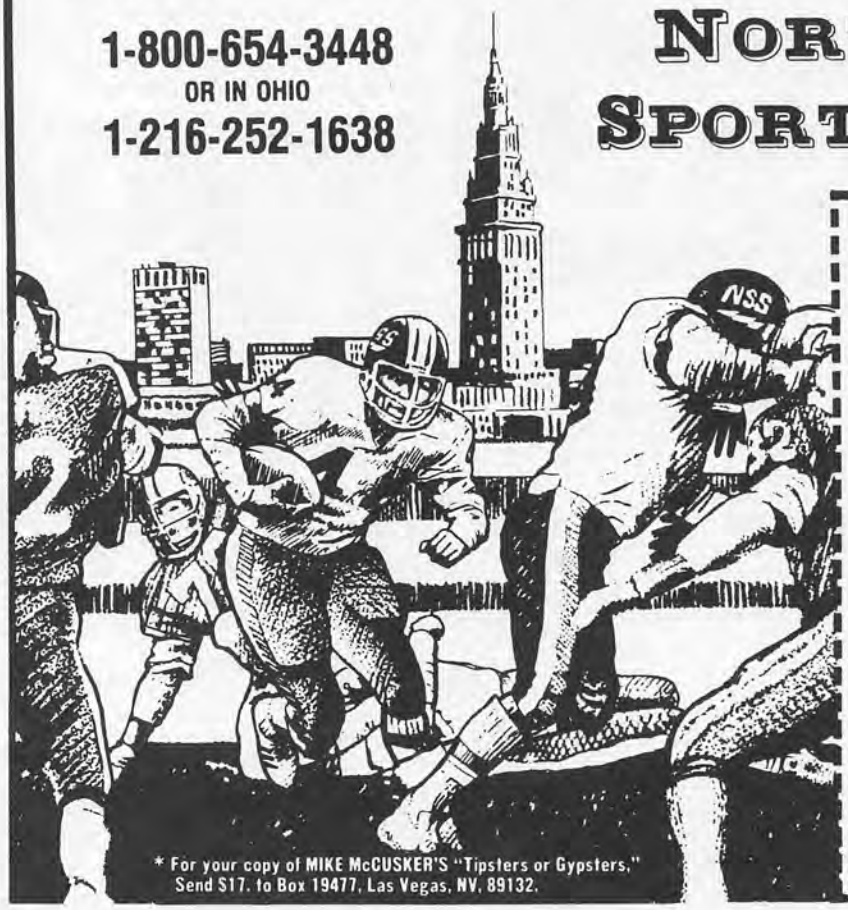

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from last season's team, not every position was set entering spring drills.

Senior Johnny Holley, the only quarterback with game experience, will direct the pro-set offense. Nathaniel Johnson and Rodrey Shelton will spark the ground game. Split end Darrell Colbert was voted the league's Freshman of the Year award last season when he snared 30 passes for 424 yards. Arthur Burns also sparkled as a rookie receiver (25 catches for 341 yards). Guard Darrell Allison (260) and center Paul Sights (235) will help shore up an offensive line that was hit hard by graduation.

The defensive unit features a steady linebacking corps, headed by Brent Flowers and Bruce Green. Cornerback Leon Thonasson, end Jake Taylor, and mammoth tackle Anthony Cleave (260) are solid performers.

PRAIRIE VIEW

(0-11) The Panthers will field a veteran squad (51 lettermen) as they attempt to end a 16-game losing streak, their last victory coming over non-loop foe Bishop College in 1982. New coach Conway Hayman will try to clear the wreckage with 15 returning regulars—nine on offense. The Panthers ranked last in both total offense (193.4-yard average) and total defense (429.0 average) last season.

Archie Seals has been moved from quarterback to halfback in an effort to upgrade the running game. Darryl Smith, Cravon Rogers, and Darryl Riser also are being counted on to help spark the ground attack. Sophomore Craig McFarland will get first shot at the quarterback job. Wide receiver Dwight White and tight end Roland Ratliff are reliable receivers. White offers an added dimension as a punt returner, leading the SWAC in this category last season (20.4-yard average on ten returns). Tackle James Stewart (6-6, 280) and guard Lindsey West (260) are standouts in the offensive line.

Darren McAllister (242) will lead the defensive charge up front. Linebacker Benjamin Carter also will play a vital role, and Fernando James is the top performer in the secondary.

ALABAMA STATE

(2-9) The Hornets put out their stingers for the first time as an SWAC member last season and got stung, finishing 0-7 in loop play. Jim Parker, who had a previous whirl as the school's head coach, begins his second stint with a squad of 45 lettermen (14 starters).

Parker's main concern will be trying to find a spark following a season when the Hornets averaged only 13 points and 196 yards in total offense. The chances for improvement are slim despite the presence of eight offensive mainstays. Quarterback Vince Hughley and wide receiver Michael Bush provide a passing threat. Hughley threw for 587 yards and six touchdowns, while Bush hauled in 22 aerials for a team-high 353 yards. Center Fred Hayes (250) is a quality player in the front line. Other heavyweights include tackle Winston Glenn (272) and guards Freddie Coleman (255) and Leroy Johnson (245).

Linebacker William Tolbert is the leading defender. Larry Melson will provide ample protection in the secondary. Tackle Ricky Corbitt (235) and end Lavoris Winfrey (205) also are being counted on to pick up the defense, which allowed 244 points in 11 games.

S.F. Austin RB Doug Jefferson

gulf star conference

SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Having captured two of the last three Division II titles, the Bobcats move into the new Gulf Star Conference (Division I-AA) as the team to beat in 1984. Coach John O'Hara welcomes back 32 lettermen, including nine starters, from a 9-2 club, which produced per-game averages of 32.5 points and 408 yards.

Soph quarterback Rene Maldonado (82 of 146 for 1,127 yards and 4 TDs) returns, as does his backup, David Longhofer. Eric Cobble (523 yards) and Ron Gaskin (322 yards) supply the ground game, while Toney Wooley (16 catches for 303 yards) is the leading receiver on hand. Center Scott Forester (262) and guards Charlie Adams (263) and Joe Ghrist (266) anchor the front.

O'Hara has a lot of rebuilding to do on defense, where he has a numbers problem. Only three starters are back: nose guard John Hardin (260) and deep backs David Glasco and Greg Russell.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The Lumberjacks broke Southwest Texas's 23-game winning streak last season en route to a very respectable 7-4 record. But coach Jim Hess's club wants much more in '84. It won't be easy, for there are a lot of holes to fill.

Wide receivers James Noble (47 catches for 867 yards and 7 TDs) and Floyd Dixon (43 for 698) were two big reasons why the Lumberjacks managed 299 aerial yards per outing last year. They'll have to break in a new pitcher, though. Soph Todd Whitten, a prep star from Dallas, looks like the No. 1 candidate for the position.

The defense will rely on a pair of hard-hitting linebackers, Melvin White (210) and Darrell Warden (223), for leadership and strength. There is a lack of returning experience in the rest of the platoon.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

Coach Oscar Lofton has the skill-position players to mount a challenge for the conference championship, but a lack of depth concerns him.

Back from last year's 6-5 Lion squad are quarterback Charlie Hebert (88 of 206 for 1,292 yards and 8 TDs), running back Jerry Butler (228 carries for 980 yards and 8 TDs), and receiver Ray Brown (16 catches for 287 yards and 2 TDs). The line is a problem area, with all five positions unsettled.

The Lions are strong on the defensive line, where nose guard Willie Shephard and tackle Dwayne Morris return, and in the secondary, where Kerchal Byrd and Kurt Griffon patrol. The linebacking unit has been hit by injuries and replacements must be found.

NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

The Demons partially redeemed a 1-7 start last year by closing with three straight victories over Top 20 I-AA schools. Coach Sam Goodwin hopes the winning streak carries over far into the new season. He's optimistic, because 38 lettermen return, including ten offensive starters.

Tight end Jimmy Blackwell has departed, but the rest of the line returns intact: center Rickey Ainsworth, guards Maxie Smith and Hal Harlan, and tackles James Boyd and John Smith. Quarterback Wayne Van threw for more than 1,200 yards a year ago. His backfield supporting cast will again be Frank Graham and Elliott Dawson. Roy Fontenot is the leading receiver.

All-America safety Michael Richardson leads the defense. He had five interceptions in one game last season. Tackle Arthur "Tank" Berry was bothered by a broken hand in the early going in '83, but he looks to make a strong recovery.

NICHOLLS STATE

Coach Sonny Jackson suffered through his first losing season (5-6) in three years as the Colonels' boss. He's not going to let that happen again.

Nicholls St. DB Greg Greely (left)

There is a lot of firepower in the attack. It will be led by quarterback Doug Hudson (86 of 174 for 1,204 yards and 7 TDs). His running mate is tailback Lionel Vital, who rushed for 776 yards and was among the leaders in all-purpose yardage in 1983. Wide receiver Brian Stropolo grabbed 29 passes for 472 yards and four scores a year ago.

The Colonels' defense was almost as generous in giving up points as the offense was in getting them. Among the standouts of a stingier platoon in '84 are linebacker Scott Hildebrand, tackle Sheldon Andrus, and back Greg Greely. And David Fuhrer, with his 40.2-yard punting average, can always kick the Colonels out of trouble.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Coach Ron Randleman's Bearkats showed the slightest improvement with a 4-7 record last season. With 18 returning starters, including ten on defense, they'd like to turn that mark around. The Bearkats' new 14,000-seat stadium will be ready in 1985, so they'd also like to attract customers to fill those seats by producing in 1984.

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East Texas tailback Ricky Dirks (#22) and defensive end Larry Hamilton

the 20.9 points per game it permitted last year. Tackle Wendell Hosey and strong safety Tollie Royal are the leaders on the unit.

The offense will be looking for increases in last season's figures for total offense (246.2 yards per contest) and scoring (18.5).

lone star conference

EAST TEXAS STATE

(8-2) Tailback Ricky Dirks heads a star-studded cast as the Lions seek sole possession of the LSC throne after sharing it with Southwest Texas last season. Dirks is coming off a sensational season that saw the 181-pound senior rush for a league-high 1,299 yards on 240 carries. With 41 lettermen (15 regulars) in camp, Ernest Hawkins has a firm foundation to build his 21st Lion team.

Joining Dirks as all-conference returnees are wide receiver Wes Smith, offensive tackle Alan Veingrad (250), tight end Javier Cardenas, and kicker Kevin Garman. Bruno Briones will try to fill the quarterback shoes of Kyle Mackey, the loop's premier passer a year ago (1,960 yards, 14 TDs). Freshman Mike Trigg also figures in the picture. Smith boasts explosive qualities (42 catches, 727 yards, 7 TDs). Garman ranked third on the league scoring chart (63 points).

As usual, the Lions appear weak in the defensive line, although end Larry Hamilton (205) is a top hand. Lettermen tackles Ralph Oberdieck (250) and Rex Williamson (230) will lend support. Freshman Robert Kubicek (240) will also log plenty of playing time up front. The secondary, a strong point of the team in recent years, was hit hard by graduation. Senior Vince Turner leads the contingent of deep backs, and Bubba Elmore and John Wiley provide a strong supporting cast.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

(7-3) Boasting one of the top passers in NCAA Division II, the Wildcats are ready to challenge for the title after a disappointing fourth-place finish in last season's loop race. Ted Sitton will build his team around 34 lettermen, including a dozen returning starters.

Heading the cast are quarterback Loyal Proffitt and offensive tackle Dan Remsberg (6-5, 270). Proffitt has thrown for 6,245 yards and 45 touchdowns in three seasons, while Remsberg, also a senior, gained second-team All-America honors last season. The receiving corps features sophomore split end Arthur Culpepper, who hauled in a team-high 30 passes for 429 yards a year ago. The ground game also appears strong, with fullback Anthony Thomas doing most of the damage. Thomas, dropped from the team after two games last season, amassed 1,014 yards the previous year when he was an all-league pick. Guards Craig Huff (255) and Bill Lamkin (245) have earned their battle stars in the trenches.

Tackles Steve Jacobson (240) and Robert Fiore (217) are proven performers in the defensive line. Ditto for end Archie Green (220). Russell Christian and Roy Brumbaugh are the top linebackers. The secondary lacks experience, but Thomas Wilson is being counted on to help take up the slack left by the departed All-America Mark Wilson.

ANGELO STATE

(5-6) Barring a complete collapse on offense, the Rams will rebound from last year's losing record behind a veteran defensive unit that ranked among the best in NCAA Division II circles last season with a yield of 219 yards per game. Seventeen starters (nine on defense) head a corps of 38 lettermen.

The top defenders include Glen Saterfield and Kelvin Williams in the secondary, linebackers Keith Cox and Henry Jackson, and tackles Steve Ford (5-11, 266) and Steve Schwarz (6-5, 255). All are seniors except Williams, who is a junior. Saterfield picked off six passes (returning two for touchdowns) and Ford was credited with eight sacks. Both gained all-conference honors.

Angelo State TE Dennis Green

A three-way battle is shaping up for the starting quarterback job. Soph Ned Cox will try to pick up where he left off last season, when he passed for 1,321 yards and eight TDs after starter Slade Sherrod was injured. Freshman Bryan Gregory also is in the running. Senior flanker Mike Northcutt ranked No. 5 on the conference receiving chart, with 36 grabs for 566 yards and five TDs. Fullback Michael Guidry was the team's second-leading rusher (448 yards). Tackle David Bilderback (245), center Tyler Ware (240), and tight end Dennis Green (6-4, 225) strengthen the forward wall. Junior-college All-America transfer Paul Drain is expected to fill the place-kicking void left by the graduation of Kodak All-America Mike Thomas.

TEXAS A&I

(2-9) Once a perennial conference power, the Javelinas will try to erase the memories of the 1983 season—the worst in the school's history—that saw the opposition roll up 334 points while averaging 406 yards per game. Ron Harms is counting on a good recruiting year to help offset a slim crop of 16 returning lettermen (11 starters).

Heading the offensive cast is junior running back James Jefferson, who gained 463 yards (5.7 average) to finish third on the league rushing chart. Senior quarterback Chris Soza will direct the attack. Neal LaHue, who was shifted from quarterback to running back last season, has been moved again—this time to wide receiver. LaHue was a standout at his new position in spring drills. The brother combo of tackles Mark Smith (260) and Troy Smith (240) adds a family flavor in the trenches. Richard Zepeda (240), who starred as a linebacker, has been moved to offensive tackle.

Texas A&I RB James Jefferson

Three junior-college transfers, tackles Kenneth Blackmon (245) and Reginald Shannon (255) and back Anthony Woods, brighten the outlook on defense. Linebacker Warren Polk and back Greg Wright also will help plug leaks. Ends Don Finley (210) and Tyrone Graves (200) are senior stalwarts.

HOWARD PAYNE

(2-8) Bill Hicks begins his third season as the Yellow Jackets' coach confident that his program is ready to turn the corner after two losing campaigns. And with 17 regulars among 27 returning lettermen, there is good reason to believe there will be a football revival.

The quarterback position is unsettled, but seniors Andy Townsend and Glen Stirman are being counted on to provide an offensive spark. Tailback Charles Bennett and fullback

Jerry Lee, both seniors, will supply the ground punch. Senior guards Jay Swoveland (6-0, 238) and Eddie Hatch (6-2, 267) give the line a mature look. Junior center Eric Shostrum (6-1, 240) also lends experience. Newcomer David Shepard (6-2, 240) will make his presence felt at tackle. Split end Kenny Hansmire had solid stats as a sophomore receiver (25 catches for 380 yards).

Kirk Chastain (6-2, 222), the loop's leading punter for three straight seasons, also gets his kicks at defensive end. Junior tackles Robert Drake (6-2, 241) and Donny Maxwell (5-11, 227) are other proven defenders. Junior Cody Canales and freshman Jon Culp are the best of the linebacking corps. The secondary is a strong point with free safety Darrell Richmond destined for all-star recognition.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

(8-2-1) A newcomer to the conference, the Greyhounds will not compete for the title until 1985, and the five other loop members are breathing a sigh of relief. You see, quarterback Kevin Kott and wide receiver Steve Jackson, both seniors, will have completed their eligibility by then. They led an aerial attack that ranked No. 1 in NAIA circles last season. This duo heads a contingent of 35 lettermen, including 18 regulars. Kott was phenomenal as the trigger man in 1983. The 6-3, 200-pounder completed 240 of 433 flings for 3,374 yards and 28 touchdowns. Jackson's stats were equally dazzling: 65 catches for 1,252 yards and 13 TDs. Soph running back Andrew Beals led the team rushing chart with a modest 390 yards on 90 carries.

The offensive and defensive lines are listed as weak points, but there is enough size to change the outlook. Guard Jim Conger (240), center Keith Wattenbarger (235), and tackle Phil Fry (230) tilt the scales on offense. Tackle Marty Heim (240) is a punishing defender, with guard Jorge Fernandez (255) and tackle Dwight Washington (250) adding beef up front. Linebackers Will Wright and Cecil Jackson have a nose for the ball, as does defensive back Clemon Carter, who picked off a team-leading seven passes.

independents

TEXAS LUTHERAN

The Bulldogs put together their first winning season since 1976 a year ago under Vernon Fewell, but several replacements for the graduated seniors will have to be found if another 7-3 record is to be achieved. Bill Banister, one of 40 lettermen on hand, is the only experienced quarterback on the TLC roster. The Bulldogs also must regroup in the secondary, where three starters have graduated.

The running game will be spearheaded by Trent Faith, a 1,000-yard career rusher. Defensive tackle Danny Collins and linebacker Tommy Moten are team leaders. Moten, a senior, was the second-leading tackler last fall despite missing four games because of injury. The offensive line should get off to a good start with the return of guard Carl Shannon and center Don Whitlow.

TRINITY

The Tigers ended last season on a high note as they closed with a five-game winning streak. Success may be a bit harder to come by this fall, however, as only one true senior returns to a young, inexperienced team. Quarterback Greg Caffey heads an offense that includes veteran fullback John Holmes and tailback Rick McKinley. Tight end Chris Szora (the team's only senior) is back, along with tight end Mike Blake, guard Tim Martin, and flanker Jody Thompson.

"We are going to be terribly young this season," said Trinity coach Gene Norris. "We will have a large sophomore class." Warning signals abound in a defensive unit that returns only two starters in the secondary. Backs James Froelich and David Garcia will team with line candidate Eric Sather as Trinity attempts to improve on last year's 5-3 mark.

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McMURRY

(6-3) The Indians proved a surprise team last season by rebounding from a 2-8 campaign in 1982 to tie defending league champ Sul Ross for first place. And Don Birmingham can look forward to more of the same in his first season as the school's grid chief. The Indians have 21 returning starters.

Birmingham has his fingers crossed that running back Efram Jackson (knee injury) can repeat last season's performance, when the 200-pound senior rushed for a league-leading 669 yards. A return to form by quarterback Clyde McKenzie also would help insure more offensive punch. He passed for 1,700 yards to gain Freshman of the Year honors, but he slipped to 925 yards on 65 of 146 attempts last season. Wide receiver Bobby Campbell carries solid credentials, and his junior classmate Scott Stubblefield (245) is coming off an all-league campaign at tackle.

The defense features a trio of all-loop performers in cornerback Mickey Johnson, tackle Marvin Williams (170), and linebacker Toby Gerhart, who averaged ten tackles a game. End Dugan Turnbow (220) and strong safety Chuck Fallon garnered second-team honors on the All-TIAA squad.

SUL ROSS STATE

(7-3) With a proven quarterback, the Lobos have title aspirations. But coach Ronald Mays must find replacements in the secondary to keep his team atop the standings. Overall depth is another concern as the defending co-champs shoot for a fourth straight league crown. Thirteen regulars are among 29 returning lettermen.

Gilbert Moroles is recognized as the best signal caller in the circuit after gaining all-league honors as a sophomore and leading TIAA passers with 144.7 yards per game. Junior Bennie Beal and soph John Lewis fuel the ground attack. Junior Burnett Williams heads the receiving corps. A pair of 240-pound tackles, Joe Garza and Kevin Taylor, join guard Kent Hawthorne (5-10, 215) and all-conference center Steve Scott (6-4, 215) as solid hands up front.

Linebacker Carl Lee and back Wayne Thorpe carry all-conference credentials. Mark Pavlovsky and Andy Dubose provide linebacking experience. David Creek was the loop's No. 1 kick scorer last season.

AUSTIN COLLEGE

(6-4) The Kangaroos must overcome inexperience at quarterback and deficiencies in the defensive line if they hope to improve on last season's showing. New coach Mel Tjeerdsma inherits a squad that lists 15 returning regulars, but there are some big shoes to fill, starting at quarterback, where Jim Vice passed for 1,312 yards and led the loop in total offense.

Junior Ed Vinzant will try to take up the aerial slack, while running backs Todd King and Norm Vaughn are being counted on to bolster the ground game. King was the league's second-leading rusher (455 yards) as a frosh last season. Larry Redora was No. 2 on the receiving chart (41 catches for 614 yards and 6 TDs). He is backed up by Scott Krikorian and Joaquin Johnson. Greg Larson (220) leads the offensive charge up front, where sophs Randall Stanley (235) and Brant Bernet (225) add additional beef.

Tarleton tailback Tyrone Foster

Linebacker Mike Foster and tackle Rossi Felix (6-2, 230) are strong links on the defensive unit. Linebacker Dyke McMahen and soph end Henry Miller are dependable, and Richard Calhoun and Blake Hyde are seasoned hands in the secondary. Jeff Timmons and Marty Secord handle the kicking chores.

TARLETON

(2-7) Reeling from a dismal '83 campaign, Bobby Fox will rely heavily on an excellent crop of transfers to help the Texans get untracked. Although ten regulars are back, there are some gaping holes to be filled, especially in the defensive line, where all four starters graduated. Lack of a proven quarterback is another concern. The Texans had trouble moving the ball last season, scoring 85 points and averaging only 244 yards—the school's lowest offensive numbers in 30 years.

Soph Milton Dunn is the only experienced quarterback. Vic Routh and Stacy Gilliam are capable catchers—provided a pitcher can be found. Tyrone Foster rushed for a team-high 361 yards last season, and Oscar Riggins, a transfer with speed and power, will help. Tackle C.W. Atkins (245) and guards David Jander (230) and Michael Thomas (225) are seasoned hands.

Linebacker Eddy Stiggers, a two-year starter who logged a team-leading 104 tackles as a sophomore, is the ringleader on defense. Also challenging for starting spots will be James Spurlock, Danny Patterson, and Bing Canion. Ends Jimmy Hewitt (190) and Bruce Porter (185) and tackle Richard Myklebust (230) show defensive prowess. Senior Dennis Estelle solidifies the secondary, which also features Kevin Pope and James Conley.

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In college football, the signing of prospective stars before they receive their high school diplomas is considered so important that mythical national championships are awarded.

This spring's recruiting champion was the University of Southern California. The Trojans signed a running back many recruiters felt was the best prospect in the nation, Ryan Knight of Rubidoux High School in Riverside, Calif. Knight gained 2,620 yards his senior season, scoring 37 touchdowns. In a year when there was said to be a paucity of top quarterbacks, USC might have acquired the best in Rodney Peete of Shawnee Mission South High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan., a well-known spawning ground for good college players. They plucked one of the most desirable tight ends, Martin Chesley of Washington, D.C., and a coveted wide receiver, Gene Arrington of Harrisburg, Pa.

Some college coaches are reluctant to say much about the freshmen they recruit. Joe Paterno of Penn State goes to the extreme of ordering the school's sports information office not to disclose the names of his recruits.

But Ted Tollner, the Trojans' coach, made his enthusiasm public. "This may be the class," said Tollner, "which will bring back prestige to USC." Tune back in during the 1986 season. That's about how long it takes to get an accurate reading on the full football worth of a recruiting class.

There are such things, however, as early returns. Last fall, two of the players Doug Huff nominated on the first list of high school stars he compiled for *Street & Smith's College Football Yearbook,* Bo Jackson of Auburn and Allen Pinkett of Notre Dame, were named All-America. Several other players from Huff's list have already begun to fulfill their promise.

Keith Byars of Ohio State was named an All-Big 10 back, Darryl Clack of Arizona State a second-team All Pac-10 back. Larry Station of Iowa not only was an All-Big 10 linebacker as a sophomore but also was chosen second-team academic All-America with a 3.2 average in computer sciences. Jeff Wickersham was LSU's starting quarterback. Tim Green was among the nation's top pass rushers for Syracuse. Herman Archie became a game-breaking wide receiver for Georgia. And, of course, there was Marcus Dupree at Oklahoma. At least for a while.

Huff, who has analyzed college recruiting for years, knows that it is an inexact science, at best.

"A lot of very good high school players will hit their peak before they even get into college and never get any better," he says. "Sometimes it has to do with their maturing physically at an early age. Sometimes it has to do with the football program at his school getting the most out of him."

There are schools on every recruiters' "must-visit" list, programs which produce good players year after year. Among those are Moeller and Princeton in Cincinnati, Huntington Beach, Calif.-Edison; Plano and Odessa, Tex.; Massillon, O.; Penn Hills, Pa.; Mt. Carmel and St. Rita in Chicago; Liverpool, N.Y.; Highland Park of Dallas; Alliquippa, Pa.; Southwest of Detroit; Mater Dei of St. Ana, Calif.; Brother Rice of Birmingham, Mich.; Warner Robbins, Waycross, Valdosta, and Bainbridge, Ga.; Snohomish, Wash.; South Aiken, S.C.; and a host of others.

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More and more rubies, though, are being found in rough mines. "For instance, Bo Jackson wasn't all that well known in high school," says Huff of Auburn's possible Heisman Trophy winner. "He played in a little high school in McCalla, Ala., and a lot of scouts hadn't heard of him."

But every year will have its share of players who turn out to be excellent college players. With the Division I schools restricted to 95 scholarships now, what the recruiters must be cautious about is assuring that their percentage of misses keeps shrinking. What the bird dogs must keep asking themselves is, "How blue is this blue chipper?"

In 1978, the University of Tennessee was just about as sure as the current Southern California recruiters that it had assembled a landmark class. Some analysts felt that the Volunteers might have had as many as 10 or 12 outright blue chippers signed. By the time they finished their eligibility, only three of those blue chippers had fulfilled their promise: defensive lineman Mike Cofer, center Lee North (recruited as a linebacker), and wide receiver Daryal Wilson.

Southern Cal thought it was a major winner that year, too. The Trojans recruited ten percent of the list of top 80 players. Fewer than half of them panned out, but USC fared better than Tennessee in quality. Linebacker Riki Gray Ellison and defensive tackle Dennis Edwards made the all-coast team. The Trojans were delirious about recruiting Scott Tinsley, a 4,000-yard passer from Oklahoma City, and George Ponce, the best prep quarterback in southern California. Neither will ever be listed in the school's football memory book, but another schoolboy quarterback, a kid from San Diego whom they planned to use as a defensive back, will. That was Marcus Allen, who won the Heisman Trophy.

Of the top ten quarterbacks on most blue-chip lists in '78, about half turned out as hoped. They included John Fourcade of Ole Miss, Buck Belue of Georgia, Babe Laufenberg, who enrolled at Stanford but transferred and starred at Indiana, and the most desirable of all, Art Schlichter of Ohio State. That year was more memorable for linemen, whose college success often is harder to predict than that of quarterbacks. The 1978 list included Dave Rimington of Nebraska, Lester Williams and Mark Cooper of Miami, Maceo Fifer of Houston, Jimbo Covert and Emil Boures of Pitt, Luis Sharpe of UCLA, Ed Muransky of Michigan, Jerome Foster of Ohio State, Edwards of USC, and Cofer of Tennessee.

The landmark crop of recent recruiting seasons came the following year. Players listed on the blue-chip charts of the 1979 season make up a sizable chunk of "Who's Who" in contemporary football. Fourteen of them were first-round draft choices in the NFL. Five more were projected to be first rounders but signed with USFL teams before the NFL selected. The quarterback class alone included the man who would set pro scouts atwitter four years later: John Elway of Stanford. The 1983 class also produced Dan Marino of Pitt, who became the first rookie Pro Bowl starter last year; Todd Blackledge of Penn State, Alan Risher of LSU, Gary Kubiak of Texas A&M, and Jon English, who finished his eligibility with Tulane last season. Jeff Hostetler, listed as a promising linebacker, became one of the nation's top quarterbacks at West Virginia. He played behind Blackledge at Penn State his frosh year, and not wanting the linebacker position he feared Paterno would assign him, Hostetler transferred.

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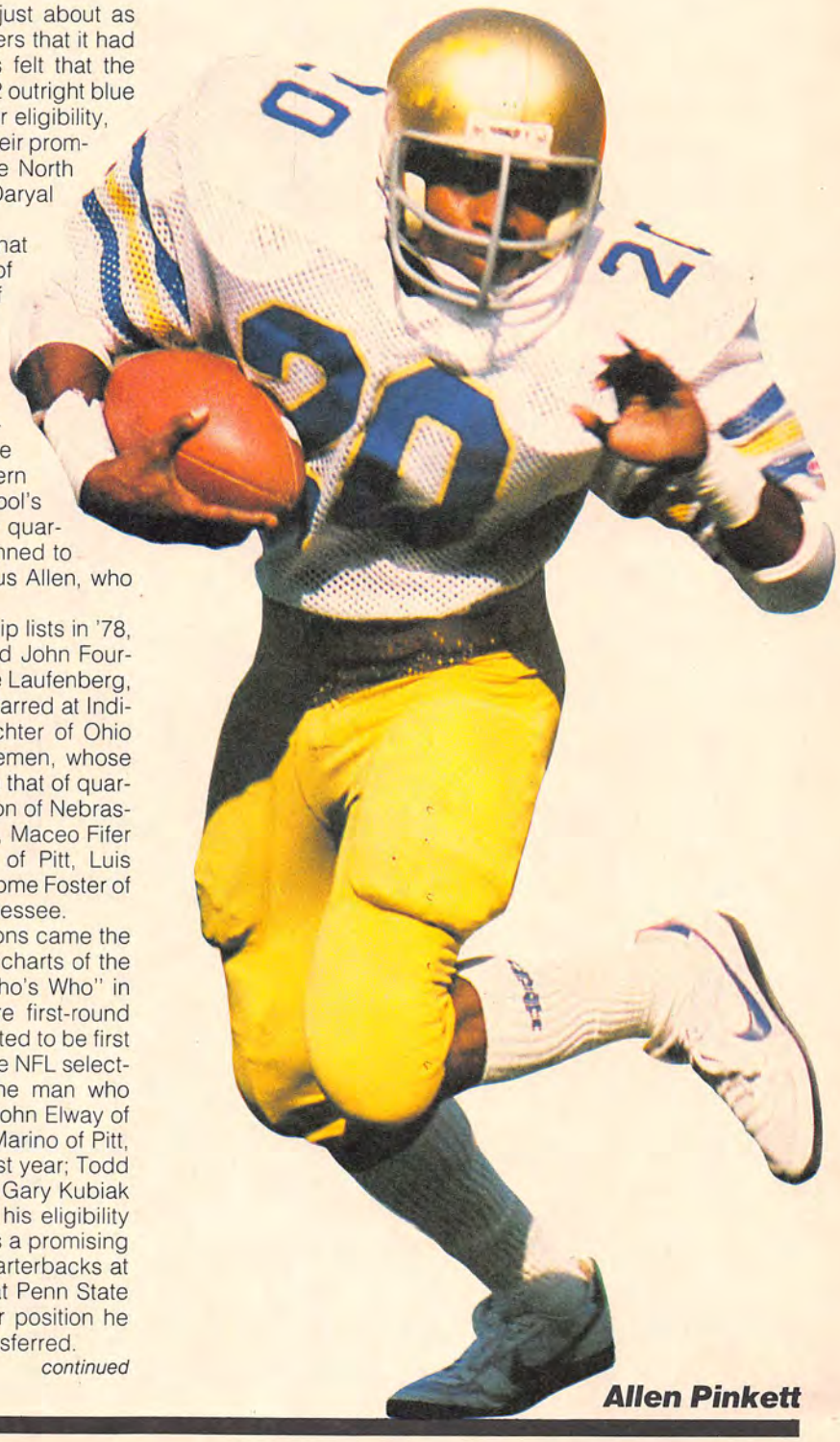

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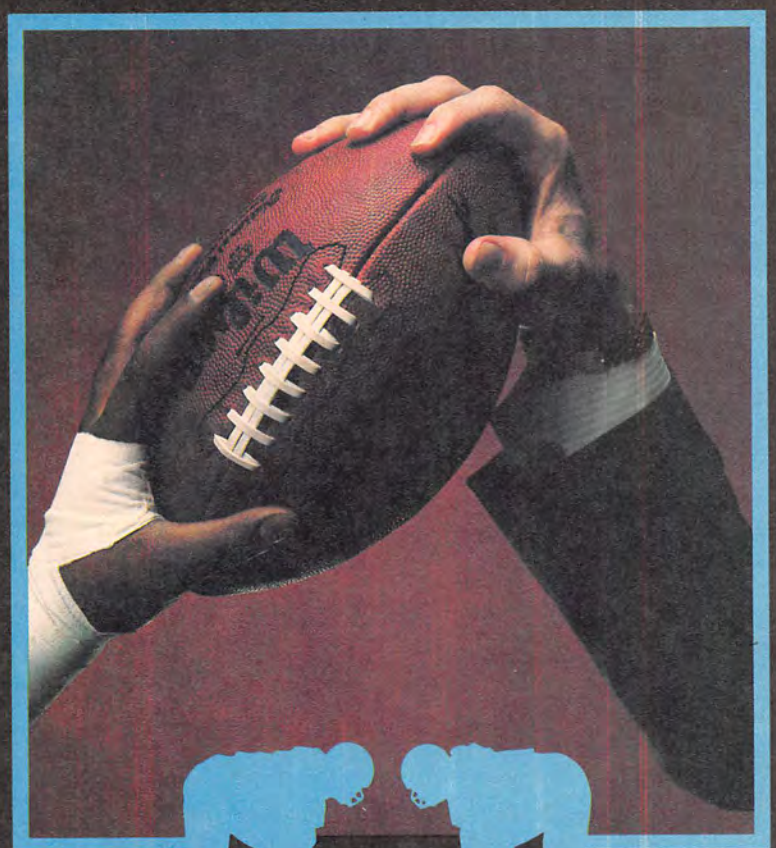

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There were more successful running backs in that class than there are in two or three normal blue-chip batches. The '79 crop provided Southern Methodist with its incomparable tailback combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James, which pushed the Mustangs back to national football prominence. It gave Penn State Curt Warner and Arkansas Gary Anderson. Kelvin Bryant came from that class to break records at North Carolina. Behind them were James Jones of Florida, Roger Craig of Nebraska, Johnny Hector of Texas A&M, Tim Spencer of Ohio State, Vincent White of Stanford, and Stanley Wilson and Weldon Ledbetter of Oklahoma.

There was also a bonanza in tight ends: Tony Hunter of Notre Dame, recruited as a wide receiver; Norris Brown of Georgia, Chris Dressel of Stanford, Mike McCloskey of Penn State, David Lewis of California, and Zeke Mowatt of Florida State. The Bulldogs of Georgia found themselves with an embarrassment of riches at tight end. When Brown worked out so well, they shifted another recruit, Guy McIntyre, to the offensive line and he made the All-SEC team.

For all the talent in that crop, though, there was a graphic illustration that what appears to be a sure thing sometimes turns out to be far from it. Many of the recruiters that year preferred a Staten Island quarterback named John Skronski to Elway or Marino or Blackledge or any of the others. Skronski enrolled at Notre Dame but never played.

Bill Rees, UCLA's chief recruiter, says his school, one of the foremost national recruiters, now evaluates its class of incoming freshmen on the basis of the ability of the "17th through 25th guys, the end of the group." The idea is that with only 25 scholarships a year available to football programs now, it is folly to invest most of the hopes in a few ultra blue chips.

Rick Neuheisel, who passed the Bruins to a Rose Bowl victory over Illinois in January, is a product of that thinking. He was virtually a free agent when UCLA recruited him. "He didn't have a lot of college offers," remembers Rees, "and he didn't have a great arm. But he was smart and we felt he could develop into a competent backup quarterback. Never in our wildest thoughts did we think he would take us to a Rose Bowl and win it."

There is another rule of thumb UCLA uses in recruiting. It tries to avoid recruiting two players from the same school. "We don't like to give one player the idea we want him more than the other, then end up losing both of them." says Rees. For example, the Bruins tracked Ron Pitts, now a starting cornerback for them, from Fountain Valley High School in California to Orchard Park High School in New York when Ron's father, Elijah Pitts, changed coaching jobs, from the Los Angeles Rams to the Buffalo Bills. In the same backfield with him at Orchard Park was Ron Wolfley, a rugged fullback. The Bruins resisted recruiting Wolfley, who has been West Virginia's starting fullback since his sophomore season.

Often the reputation of a famous alumnus, rather than that of the school itself, will tilt a recruit's decision. A few seasons ago, USC entertained a half dozen top prospects by taking them into the Trojan dressing room after a Notre Dame game. Stopping by to say hello were five former USC tailbacks: O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen, Mike Garrett, Anthony Davis, and Ricky Bell. You could almost tell from the players' expressions that their decisions were made on the spot.

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Rick Neuheisel

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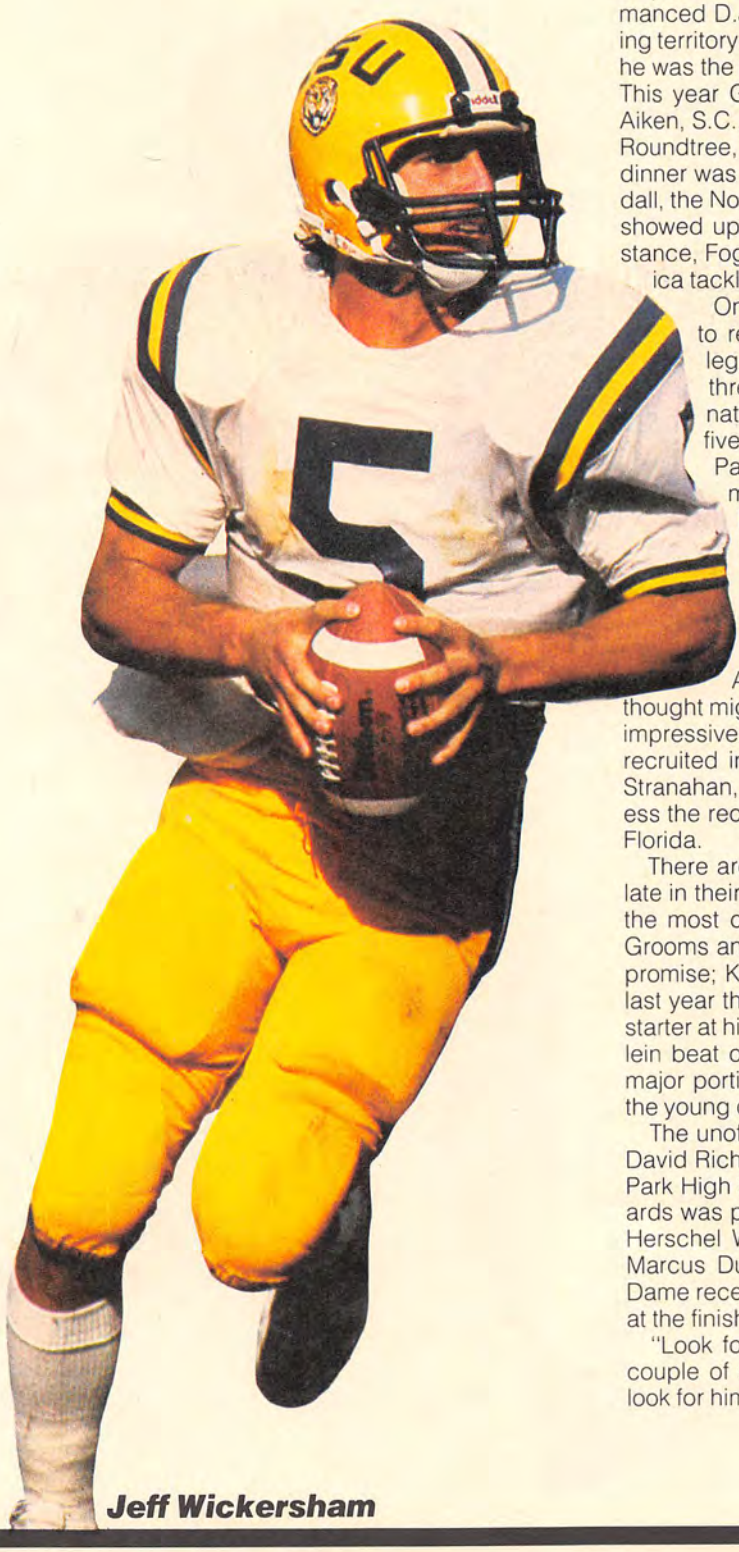

Jeff Wickersham

"There is no question that Herschel Walker has opened doors for us," says Ray Goff, Georgia's chief recruiter. Walker's feats at Georgia helped influence Lars Tate of North Central High School in Indianapolis to sign a letter of intent with the Bulldogs last spring. Tate ranked right behind Ryan Knight and Craig Heyward of Passaic, N.J., as the most coveted running backs in the nation.

But not even a Herschel can guarantee 100 percent blue-chip success for his school. Last year the Bulldogs romanced D.J. Dozier, who performed in their normal recruiting territory in Virginia. Dozier ended up at Penn State, where he was the most productive freshman running back of 1983. This year Georgia tried to recruit Raymond Roundtree, an Aiken, S.C., quarterback whom Goff terms "a great athlete." Roundtree, too, ended up at Penn State. When a testimonial dinner was held in Elmira for Southside High's Pete Curkendall, the No. 1 player in New York State, a few name coaches showed up, some of them with well-known players. For instance, Foge Fazio of Pitt came with Bill Fralic, his All-America tackle. Curkendall signed with Penn State.

Once nominated a blue-chipper, the player seems to retain the blue potential all the way through college, even if he doesn't produce in his first two or three years. Steve Bono was considered among the nation's three or four top high school quarterbacks five years ago. UCLA recruited him out of Norristown, Pa., with the help of another Norristown native, Tommy Lasorda, the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Bono arrived just as Tom Ramsey was fermenting as a starting quarterback. Then, when Bono was injured, Neuheisel stepped into the starting lineup and thrived. But the Bruins are counting on Bono as their starter in '84.

Last year, Stanford recruited a high school All-America quarterback, John Paye, who it was thought might be a three- or four-year starter. Paye has been impressive, but another high school All-America Stanford recruited in 1981, Fred Buckley, of Ft. Lauderdale Bishop Stranahan, finally demonstrated in spring practice the prowess the recruiters knew he possessed when he came out of Florida.

There are also those players who don't show "blue" until late in their schoolboy careers. Notre Dame recruited two of the most coveted quarterbacks five seasons ago in Scott Grooms and Blair Kiel. Grooms never fulfilled his enormous promise; Kiel was a competent starter but never a star. But last year the Irish signed Steve Beurlein, who wasn't even a starter at his California high school until his senior year. Beurlein beat out Kiel midway through last season, and now a major portion of Gerry Faust's coaching future is tied up in the young quarterback.

The unofficial "bluest of all blues" from last year's crop is David Richards, a 300-pound tackle from Dallas's Highland Park High School. He enrolled at Southern Methodist. Richards was preceded as the "bluest blue" by players such as Herschel Walker, Earl Campbell, Tony Dorsett, Billy Sims, Marcus Dupree, Bill Fralic, and Alvin Miller, now a Notre Dame receiver. Is it possible for a player that widely admired at the finish of his prep career to fail in college football?

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midwest by BOB MARKUS CHICAGO TRIBUNE

These are the good old days in Big Ten football. Future generations will speak reverently of the 1980s as the salad days of the conference. And 1984, that year George Orwell taught us all to dread, could be the best year of all.

In 1981 Iowa served notice that the domination of the Big Two, Michigan and Ohio State, was beginning to crumble. By the end of the 1983 season the reign of the two perennial powers was ended. The Big Two and Little Eight were no more. The 1983 conference race was the most competitive ever, and 1984 promises to be even better.

There were four almost perfectly matched teams last year: Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio State. So even were they that every game played among one another was won by the home team. Thus the championship was decided more by the schedule makers than the playmakers. Even Illinois coach Mike White, whose team went 9-0 in the first full round robin season in Big Ten history, acknowledged his good fortune in playing all three of the other contenders at home. Ohio State, the preseason favorite, drew the short straw and played all three on the road, accounting for the three Buckeye defeats.

In 1984 the schedules are reversed, with Ohio State playing all three of the top contenders at home and Illinois going on the road. But this year there are two more teams that must be considered. One of them, Wisconsin, is a dark horse to win it all. The other, Michigan State, has too far to go to be considered a contender but may have come far enough to have a pronounced effect on the race.

In recent years the Big Ten has become a passing league. This trend could be modified somewhat in 1984. There are four outstanding quarterbacks returning: Iowa's Chuck Long, Illinois' Jack Trudeau, Ohio State's Mike Tomczak, and Indiana's Steve Bradley. But Tomczak broke a leg in the spring game and may not be ready when the season starts. Meanwhile, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Purdue all lost star quarterbacks, and in Michigan's case, Steve Smith could be irreplaceable.

There is a definite shortage of experienced tight ends, with only three returning starters at the position in the conference. Such topnotch performers as John Frank of Ohio State, Cliff Benson of Purdue, Tim Brewster of Illinois, and Jon Harvey of Northwestern graduated. Some of the teams with experienced quarterbacks—Ohio State and Iowa, to name two—were stripped of their wide receivers. Indiana, Michigan State, Purdue, and Northwestern will make a conscious effort to beef up their running attacks to attain more balance.

Choosing a winner in the Big Ten may be harder than it ever has been. Most of the top teams have to do more than a minimal amount of rebuilding. Illinois and Ohio State were hit hard on defense, Iowa lost most of its offense, and Michigan lost Smith, its team leader, plus two All-America offensive linemen.

The team with the best shot to end up in Pasadena is Iowa. Ever since coming to Iowa City, Hayden Fry has stressed defense. It has paid off. All the other contenders have some questions to answer on defense. Iowa has none. The Hawkeyes have 20 of the top 22 players returning from a defense that jelled into a solid unit in the middle of the 1983 season. If the Hawkeyes had not lost their entire offensive line they might be a legitimate candidate for the national championship. But they do have Long and some other skilled performers. It will undoubtedly take a while for the offense to find itself, and Iowa opens the conference season at Ohio State on September 22. Even if Iowa loses that one, it's unlikely anyone will repeat Illinois' feat of going unbeaten in the conference. And the Hawkeyes have the other four top teams at home.

Michigan must find a way to replace All-America guard Stefan Humphries and center Tom Dixon. The Wolverines probably will. But replacing quarterback Smith is another story. Not only was Smith an accurate passer, but he possessed blazing outside speed. The Michigan offense figures to be down a little. The Wolverine defense is impressive up front and in the backfield but thin at outside linebacker. Still, it will be a typically strong Bo Schembechler defense and should keep the Wolverines in the hunt all the way.

There is a temptation to pick Ohio State because it has the most favorable schedule, an outstanding quarterback in Mike Tomczak, and a franchise runner in Keith Byars. But the Buckeyes lost all three of their receivers and too much of their defense to win a championship in a tough league like the Big Ten. The possible loss of Tomczak is another reason for caution. Because it IS Ohio State, which can always get its hands on quality athletes, one must still give this team a chance.

Of all the contenders, Wisconsin sustained the fewest losses. That's particularly true on offense, where ten starters return from a team that ranked second only to Iowa in total offense. The one player not returning is a key one, however: quarterback Randy Wright. Defensively, the Badgers have back most of a young team that was on the rise but still not among the league's top units. They have a potential All-America linebacker in Jim Melka, and if tackle Daryl Sims succeeds in regaining his eligibility, then this is a team to watch. The biggest obstacle might be the schedule, the most unfavorable of all the contenders.

Illinois is certainly not going to give up its championship without a fight. But the Illini won last year with defense and, like Ohio State, have been decimated on that unit by graduation. All four linemen, including Big Ten Player of the Year Don Thorp, have departed, along with the four top linebackers. With Trudeau, an outstanding offensive line, and an emerging star in fullback Thomas Rooks, Illinois should be the best offensive team in the conference. That probably won't be enough.

Hayden Fry

Michigan State should improve on its wretched offensive showing of last year, thanks to the return of injured quarterback Dave Yarema. The Spartans' defense was sound in George Perles's first year and will be again, despite the loss of linebacker Carl Banks. With Ralf Mojsiejenko ready to punt opponents into trouble and to kick field goals anytime the Spartans penetrate the 40, Michigan State can turn the corner this year.

There is a sharp drop off to the bottom four teams. When Bill Mallory got to Indiana as the third coach in three years, he found himself in possession of a standout quarterback in Bradley, who could push the Hoosiers to the head of this second class. Purdue has been stockpiling some good young talent under

predictions:

big ten conference
1. Iowa, 2. Michigan, 3. Ohio State, 4. Wisconsin, 5. Illinois, 6. Michigan State, 7. Indiana, 8. Northwestern, 9. Purdue, 10. Minnesota

independents
1. Notre Dame, 2. Cincinnati, 3. Dayton

mid-american conference
1. Northern Illinois, 2. Central Michigan, 3. Toledo, 4. Bowling Green, 5. Western Michigan, 6. Ball State, 7. Miami (OH), 8. Ohio U., 9. Kent State, 10. Eastern Michigan

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1. Eastern Illinois, 2. Southwest Missouri State, 3. Northern Iowa, 4. Western Illinois

1984 all-midwest team

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Running Back	Keith Byars	Jr.	Ohio State
Running Back	Allen Pinkett	Jr.	Notre Dame
Wide Receiver	Al Toon	Sr.	Wisconsin
Wide Receiver	David Williams	Jr.	Illinois
Tight End	Sim Nelson	Sr.	Michigan
Tackle	Jeff Dellenbach	Sr.	Wisconsin
Tackle	Jim Juriga	Jr.	Illinois
Guard	Larry Williams	Sr.	Notre Dame
Guard	Chris Babyar	Sr.	Illinois
Center	Tom Van Dyck	Sr.	Indiana
Kicker	Bob Bergeron	Sr.	Michigan

DEFENSE

Lineman	Paul Hufford	Sr.	Iowa
Lineman	Mike Golic	Sr.	Notre Dame
Lineman	Kevin Brooks	Sr.	Michigan
Lineman	Keith Cruise	Sr.	Northwestern
Linebacker	Larry Station	Jr.	Iowa
Linebacker	Jim Melka	Sr.	Wisconsin
Linebacker	Jim Morrissey	Sr.	Mich. State
Back	Craig Swoope	Jr.	Illinois
Back	Phil Parker	Sr.	Michigan State
Back	Rod Woodson	Soph.	Purdue
Back	Brad Cochran	Jr.	Michigan

Leon Burtnett, but the key word there is young. The Boilermakers are still not ready to make a move and will go into the fall uncertain of who will play quarterback.

Northwestern could be better this year if quarterback Sandy Schwab grows up, if the defense plays to its potential, and if it avoids the injuries that always seem to hit teams when they're already down.

As for Minnesota, the Gophers are looking to turn things around under new coach Lou Holtz, and, given Holtz's history, probably will. But it won't be this year. The best the Gophers can hope for is that everyone stays healthy.

The saga of Notre Dame and coach Gerry Faust sounds like a broken record. Every year there are stories that this is the year Faust will be fired if the Irish don't go to a major bowl. Well, this could be the year. More likely it's the year the Irish WILL go to a major bowl. If quarterback Steve Beuerlein improves as expected, Notre Dame should have one of the top offenses in the country. There is some talent returning on defense, too. The schedule is typical and a little tougher than a year ago. If the Irish win nine games, they deserve to go to a major bowl and no doubt will.

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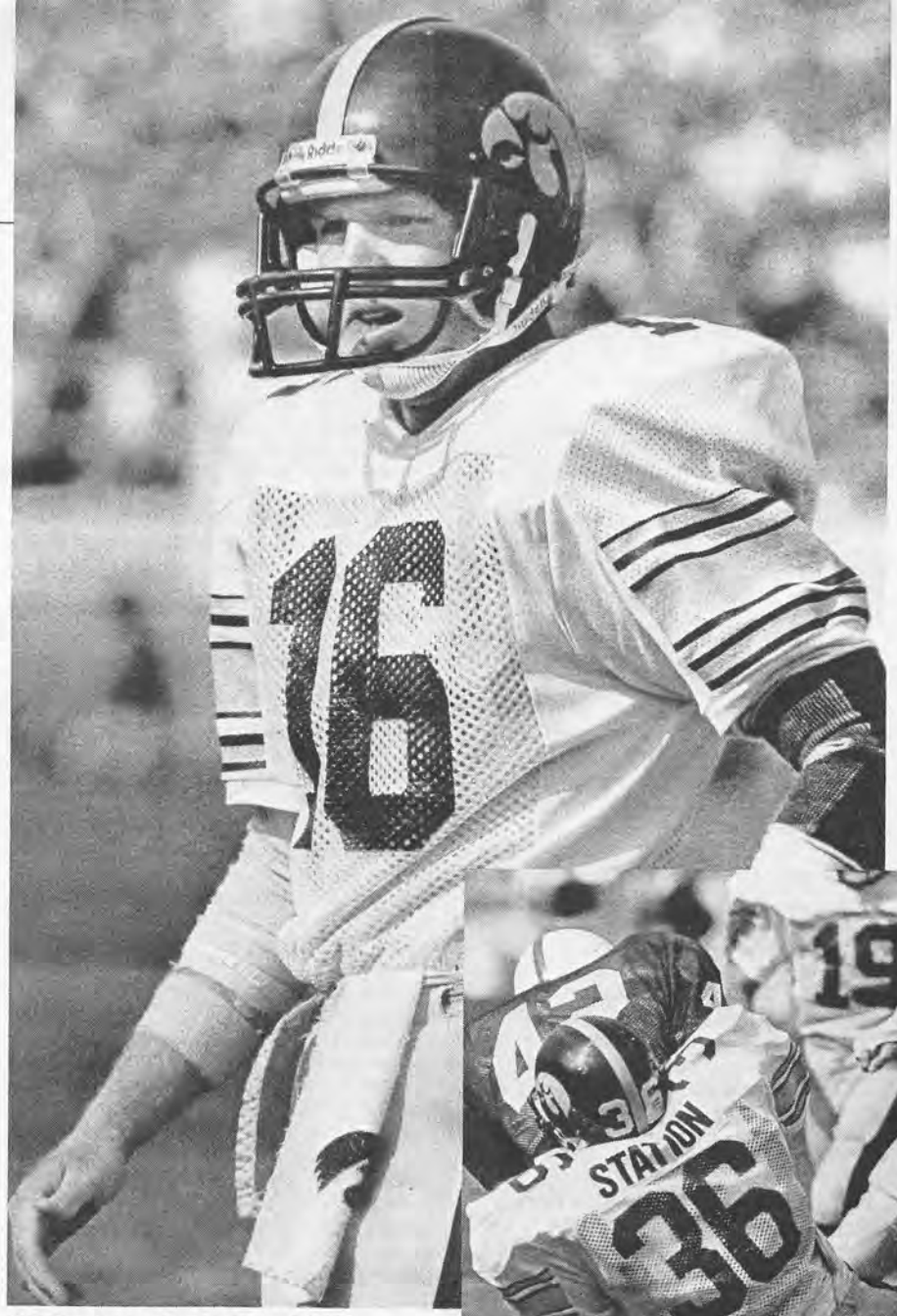
(9-3, 7-2) Iowa's defense gave up only two first downs and 43 yards total offense in its spring game. That says a lot about a defensive unit that could, almost alone, carry the Hawkeyes back to the Rose Bowl. It says a little something, too, about the Iowa offense. That wasn't the first-string attacking unit, of course, but coach Hayden Fry is nonetheless concerned about an offense that returns only three regulars.

A year ago the Iowa offense was the most explosive in the Big Ten and ranked third nationally, averaging 470 yards a game. Three

times the Hawkeyes rolled up 600 yards or more, including a Big Ten record 713 in one game. Gone from that record-setting group, however, are split end Dave Moritz, running backs Eddie Phillips and Norm Granger, and the entire offensive line. Fry still has plenty of big-play people back. The key performer, of course, is quarterback Chuck Long, ranked second in the nation in passing efficiency last year. Long completed 157 of 265 passes (59



Quarterback Chuck Long (#16), running back Owen Gill (#33), and linebacker Larry Station have Rose Bowl aspirations for Iowa.

percent) for 2,601 yards and 14 touchdowns. He set ten school records and averaged ten yards every time he threw the ball.

Long, though, will have to find a whole new set of receivers. Wingback Ronnie Harmon, second only to Moritz with 35 receptions for 729 yards, is back but has been shifted to tailback, where he will share time with Owen Gill. Bill Happel (8 catches for 137 yards), who backed up Moritz last year, moves up to the starting berth at split end. The wingback candidates include J.C. Love-Jordan, a senior who has been a major disappointment, and junior Scott Helverson. Love-Jordan was one of the most highly recruited backs in Illinois, but caught only one pass last year. Helverson caught just four, but two of them were for touchdowns.

It's likely, however, that both will take a back seat to sophomore Robert Smith, primarily a punt returner as a freshman. On his rare appearances as a receiver, Smith did average 30 yards on his seven catches, including an 86-yarder for a touchdown. He also had a 55-yard punt return. Tight end should not be a problem because Jon Hayes (6-5, 240) saw considerable duty there last year and caught ten passes for 153 yards.

With Harmon and Gill at tailback, the Hawkeyes can survive the loss of Phillips. Gill, who was hampered by injuries in the middle part of the season, was the team's leading ground gainer, with 798 yards in 129 carries. He edged out Phillips by 25 yards and outscored him, ten touchdowns to eight. Much tougher

to replace will be Granger, who averaged 6.6 yards a carry and was a superior blocker. Junior Fred Bush, who carried only ten times for 69 yards, moves into the starting role.

The offensive line worries Fry. It has enough size, but not enough experience. The starting tackles figure to be sophomore Dave Croston (6-5, 280) and junior Mike Haight (6-3, 276). Senior Bill Glass (6-1, 270) and junior Kelly O'Brien (6-3, 272), a converted tight end, will open at guard. Potentially the top player on the line is sophomore center Mark Sindlinger (6-2, 240), who also will be the heavyweight on Dan Gable's Iowa wrestling team next winter. One freshman, 6-7, 295-pound Malcolm Christie from Jersey City, N.J., could be in the picture next fall.

When Iowa went to the Rose Bowl following the 1981 season, it was the defense that got it there. It could happen again. A knee injury to end Tony Wankett in spring camp kept the Hawkeyes from returning their entire first-team defense intact, but senior Dave Strobel, who was injured in the second game last year and red-shirted, will come back. Wankett, who has already used his redshirt year, won't be back until November at the earliest, so Strobel (6-3, 230) and Mike Hooks (6-3, 226) will be the ends. The tackles are Paul Hufford (6-3, 262) an All-Big Ten choice as a junior, and George Little (6-4, 254). Hap Peterson (6-2, 253) is the nose guard. Larry Station, a junior who even as a freshman was the Hawkeyes' best linebacker, is a legitimate All-America candidate. Senior co-captain Kevin Spitzig is the other linebacker.

Iowa is particularly deep in the defensive backfield, returning four starters and three second-stringers. In fact, backup free safety Ron Hawley, who is best remembered for knocking over the goal post at Michigan State two years ago, is the only one of Iowa's top 22 defensive players not to return. The headliner is strong safety Mike Stoops. Other starters returning are cornerbacks Keith Hunter and Nate Creer and free safety Devon Mitchell.

A year ago, Fry had to rebuild his defense after leading the Big Ten in total defense two years in a row. It took a while, but after the first quarter of the sixth game, against Purdue, the No. 1 defense gave up only one touchdown during the regular season.

MICHIGAN

(9-3, 8-1) Michigan can throw Rogers and Hammerstein at Big Ten opponents this fall, but make no mistake, Bo Schembechler is still orchestrating the play. That's why the long-running hit at Ann Arbor seems destined to go on and on. Perhaps even on to the Rose Bowl. Tailback Rick Rogers, who gained 1,000 yards a year ago, is back to head the Wolverine offense, while brothers Mark and Mike Hammerstein are expected to make lesser but still significant contributions in the trenches.

Last year's production was a qualified smash. The Wolverines did not go to the Rose Bowl, but their 8-1 Big Ten record was good enough for a bid to the Sugar Bowl, where they played Auburn to a virtual standstill. When the curtain came down, however, Schembechler had to bid an anguished farewell to quarterback Steve Smith, his brilliant leading man. Smith's outside speed added an extra dimension when he ran the option offense. Not only did he lead the team with his ten touchdowns, but he was second only to Rogers in rushing.

Junior Jim Harbaugh, who emerged from spring drills as the No. 1 quarterback, may actually prove to be a better passer than Smith. He completed 17 of 26 passes for 161 yards in the spring game, held in the rain. "He threw very, very well," said Schembechler, "but we were playing ourselves, so it's hard to tell how we'll do."

Michigan probably will use less option offense than it did with Smith. The Wolverines appear loaded at both running-back positions, but especially at tailback. Sophomore Gerald White, who was hobbled by a nagging knee injury last year, appears ready to take some of the load off Rogers after playing well in the spring. Fullback Eddie Garrett (85 for 353) had an outstanding spring, and Dan Rice (35 for 140) looked much improved.

As long as Schembechler is the coach, Michigan will be a run-oriented team, but Bo might be tempted to open up the passing lanes this fall. He does not have an Anthony Carter to catch the ball, but he does have quality and depth at wide receiver. For starters, he has his regulars back at split end and flanker. Vince Bean started all 12 games, and though he caught only 29 passes (402 yards), he caught the eye of at least one pro scout who predicts the 6-3, 190-pound senior will be a sleeper in the draft. In addition to size and speed, Bean finished fourth in the NCAA indoor long jump. Triando Markray, the other wide receiver, made just 11 catches in his seven starts, but if he was short on quantity he was long on quality. He averaged 29 yards a reception and scored four touchdowns, including a 67-yarder against Ohio State. But Schembechler's secret weapon this fall could be 6-8 Paul Jokisch, who comes over from the basketball team. Jokisch was one of the top football recruits in the state, but opted for basketball his first two years. Even on the basketball court he had a penchant for running over people, and Schembechler notes, "He has a thirst for the fray." The Wolverines are set at tight end, also, with Sim Nelson (41-494), the leading receiver last year, returning.

Whether all this talent meshes will depend on how well Schembechler can rebuild an offensive line that lost two All-Americas. Guard Stefan Humphries and center Tom Dixon have graduated, but don't cry for Michigan. The Wolverines always seem to come up with a good line. Schembechler has already said that Art Belordas (6-2, 240) will be the best center in the Big Ten. "His only problem last year was that Tom Dixon was in front of him," said Bo. Doug James (6-2, 267), a starting tackle last year, moves to one guard spot to replace Jerry Diorio. Clay Miller (6-4, 258), the other offensive tackle, is back and Mark Hammerstein (6-4, 262) will battle John Elliott (6-7, 280) and Glenn Mogle (6-8, 280) for the remaining spots in the offensive line.

Michigan's defensive problems are at outside linebacker, where only Rodney Lyles has experience. Inside, the Wolverines are fine with Mike Mallory, who led the team in tackles last year, and Tim Anderson. Even there, however, there isn't much depth. Up front, the Wolverines consider Kevin Brooks (6-6, 245) an All-America candidate at tackle and Al Sincich (6-1, 222) All-Big Ten at middle guard. Starting tackle Vince Defelice (6-4, 246) also returns, although he missed spring drills. In a league that is loaded with outstanding defensive backs, Michigan feels it has one of the

Tight end Sim Nelson (#95), tackle Mike Hammerstein (#66) with linebackers Rodney Lyles and Mike Mallory (#42) of Michigan

best in Brad Cochrane, a 6-3, 198-pound junior who was second to Mallory in tackles.

Place-kicking was thought to be a problem last year, but it wasn't. Bob Bergeron made 15 of 17 field-goal attempts, and he's back. This year, it's the punting game that worries Schembechler. He lost not only punter Don Bracken, but long snapper Larry Sweeney.

The Wolverines will need to get their act together in a hurry this year. They open with national champion Miami at home.

OHIO STATE

(9-3, 6-3) Since Earle Bruce's arrival at Ohio State five years ago, the Buckeyes have averaged more than 32 points per game. So much for your three yards and a cloud of dust. Bruce is still an advocate of the running game, because he believes run blocking is inherently aggressive and pass blocking is passive. But he certainly will throw the ball more often and more confidently than his predecessor, Woody Hayes.

Bruce has one of the proven Big Ten quarterbacks in Mike Tomczak, but even if his entire corps of receivers had not graduated, there's no doubt the Earle of Ohio would maintain his emphasis on the ground game. The reason is simple. His name is Keith Byars, and if he continues to tear up Big Ten defenses the way he did as a sophomore, he'll be a Heisman Trophy winner before he leaves school. Big and strong enough to run over people and fast enough to run away from them, Byars (6-2, 230) led the Big Ten in rushing and scoring. His 19 touchdowns and 114 points were conference records. For the full season he carried 222 times, gained 1,199 yards, and scored 22 touchdowns. His big blocking back, Vaughn Broadnax, is gone, but Byars has shown the ability to get yardage on his own. And Barry Walker, Broadnax's replacement, adds another dimension. He is the fastest man on the team. Walker saw limited action in 1983, but gained 124 yards on 26 carries. Another potentially explosive runner is John Woolridge, who gained 264 yards on 51 carries last year.

Tomczak is already the No. 2 passer in Buckeye history. He started last season with a 21 for 25 effort that produced four touchdowns against Oregon. That was his best game of the year, but it wasn't all downhill from there. He ended up with 131 for 237 (55 percent), 1,942 yards, and 13 touchdowns. Tomczak broke his leg in the spring game but expects to be ready by the fall. If he's not, the job goes to junior Jim Karsatos, who started one game last year when Tomczak was hurt.

Whoever opens at quarterback will have to find a new set of playmates to play catch with this year, and none of the candidates exactly tore it up in the spring. They certainly didn't resemble departed wide receivers Thad Jemison and Cedric Anderson or All-Big Ten tight end John Frank. Operating with the first unit were split end Doug Smith (2 catches, 76 yards) and flanker Mike Lanese, who saw no action as a receiver as a sophomore last year. But freshman Cris Carter, brother of former Indiana basketball star Butch Carter, was expected to contend for a starting spot in the fall. The tight end will be veteran backup Judd Groza, son of Cleveland Browns' immortal Lou "The Toe" Groza.

The offensive line lost an All-America tackle in Bill Roberts and a veteran center in Joe Dooley. But the Buckeyes still should field a solid front wall. Kirk Loudermilk (6-3, 250) has moved from guard to center, but Jim Lachey (6-6, 264), could step into his spot. Scot Zalenski (6-5, 258) returns at the other guard, and tackle Mark Krerowicz (6-4, 278) is a candidate for all-conference honors. The left-tackle spot, the one vacated by Roberts, will go to Rory Graves (6-6, 262).

Ohio State coach Earle Bruce will rely on quarterback Mike Tomczak and tailback Keith Byars.

Because of Byars, Tomczak, and the offensive line, the Ohio State offense once again should be among the strongest in the conference. The defense, however, is cause for genuine concern. Not only did seven starters graduate, but Bruce lost his outstanding middle guard, Spencer Nelms, for an unusual reason. Nelms, a brilliant student, elected to graduate early so he could enter law school in the fall, thus foregoing his fourth year of eligibility. Even harder to replace will be linebacker Rowland Tatum, the team's best defensive player, and cornerback Garcia Lane, who was also one of the country's top punt returners. Two other veteran starters have graduated, leaving the secondary almost bare.

The returning starters on defense are tackles Dave Morrill (6-3, 260) and Dave Crecelius (6-5, 247) and safety Kelvin Bell. Bryon Lee (6-3; 233) did start some at outside linebacker and will be a regular this year. The other outside spot could be claimed by Eric Kumerow (6-6, 228), who came to Ohio State as a highly touted quarterback from Oak Park, a Chicago suburb. Kumerow was a backup quarterback as a freshman last year, but requested a change to defense. A two-way all-state performer in high school, he came on fast in the spring and could beat out Gary Alders (6-2, 200). The inside backers will be Larry Kolic (6-2, 227) and Pepper Johnson (6-3, 224). Tony Giuliani, (6-0, 254) moves into Nelms's middle-guard spot.

Wherever Bruce turns he will find inexperience in his secondary. Seniors James Palmer and Kevin Richardson figure to be the starting corners, but all of the backups are sophomores. Junior Steve Hill should be the starting roverback.

WISCONSIN

(7-4, 5-4) Wisconsin finished fifth in the Big Ten last year, but the Badgers could be no more than a hop, step, and a jump away from joining the title chase. Led by triple jumper Al Toon, their record-setting wide receiver, the Badgers return virtually the entire offensive unit that ranked fourth in the nation in touchdowns and fifth in overall scoring a year ago. Wisconsin averaged 32.6 points a game.

The one loss on the offense is a significant one, quarterback Randy Wright. No one is saying that sophomore Mike Howard can step right in and match Wright's performance. The 6-4, 203-pounder from Springfield, Illinois, threw only ten passes as Wright's backup (and completed six). But he took charge in spring drills, and if ever there was a dynamite offense in place just waiting for someone to light the fuse, it's Wisconsin's.

Toon exploded onto the scene in the final three games last year when he caught 24 passes for 537 yards. For the season he had school records of 881 yards (on 45 catches) and nine touchdown receptions. His 252 yards in receptions against Purdue was the national single-game high. Also back are the other starting wide receiver, senior Michael Jones (24 catches, 281 yards), and top backup Thad McFadden (15 for 250). A bonus for the Badgers is that tight end Bret Pearson (34 for 373) got an extra year under the new redshirt rule and will return.

But Wisconsin did not rely solely on the passing game in finishing second to Iowa in total offense last season. The Badgers averaged 206 yards on the ground—compared with 237 in the air—and return all their top runners. The leading rusher is tailback Gary Ellerson, who netted 777 yards on 161 carries.

Gary Ellerson (#41) led Wisconsin with 777 rushing yards and 11 TDs.

He also led the team with his 11 touchdowns, all on the ground. One opposing coach said of Ellerson, "They should give him a license plate. He's a truck." Ellerson's backup, sophomore Larry Emery, was the second-leading ground gainer, with 56 for 336, a six-yard average. Fullback Joe Armentrout, a sophomore redshirt, averaged 6.3 yards (52 for 325) and senior Marck Harrison, who split time with Armentrout, was 46 for 260, a 5.7 average.

The offensive line is made up entirely of seniors. All but guard Dave Mielke (6-4, 255) started every game, and he started the last six games after Bob Landsee (6-5, 260) was hurt. Landsee is back to provide depth along with Brian Jansen (6-4½, 252), who was projected as a starter before being sidelined last year with a knee injury. The other returning regulars include All-Big Ten candidate Jeff Dellenbach (6-6½, 285) and Kevin Belcher (6-7, 290) at tackles, Chris Osswald (6-4½, 255) at guard, and Dan Turk (6-4½, 260) at center.

Defensively, the Badgers had trouble stopping the run a year ago (they had 21 interceptions and ranked tenth nationally on pass defense). Eight of the starters are back, including all three down linemen and three of the four linebackers. Heading the list is linebacker Jim Melka, an All-America candidate who led Wisconsin in tackles despite missing the last 2½ games with a broken arm. He was still sidelined for spring drills but expected back by August. Senior Russ Fields and sophomores Rick Graf and Michael Reid, all starters by the end of last year, return. There are strong backups at all four linebacking spots.

The returning down linemen are nose guard Lance Branaman (6-3½, 258) and tackles Scott Bergold (6-7, 250) and Jim Kmet (6-3, 238). Branaman and Kmet were freshmen. Tackle Darryl Sims is a big-play specialist who had 11 quarterback sacks in 1982 and was a two-year starter before he was forced to sit out the '83 season. If Sims can regain his eligibility he will electrify an already improving defense.

Although cornerback Brian Marrow and safety Richard Baxter have left, Wisconsin appears well-fortified in the defensive backfield. Four seniors return, all of whom started at least one game. They are Russ Bellford, Richard Johnson, Ken Stills, and Averick Walker. Bellford, granted an extra year of eligibility, had 51 tackles and shared the team lead with four interceptions.

If McClain has any kick coming, it could be with his kicking game. He lost veteran placekicker Kevin Rohde and punter George Winslow and was eagerly awaiting freshmen Scott Cepicky and Todd Gregoire.

McClain's only other complaint would be with the schedule. Accustomed to six and even seven home games, the Badgers play in Camp Randall only five times this fall. Moreover, the road schedule includes such toughies as Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan State. Even so, the Badgers have a chance to move up in the Big Ten, and a bowl bid certainly seems a distinct possibility.

ILLINOIS

(10-2, 9-0) The day after Illinois's devastating 45-9 defeat in the Rose Bowl, quarterback Jack Trudeau was sifting through the emotional wreckage in hopes of salvaging something. "Something positive could still come from this," he offered. "I'm sure that this will motivate us to want to come back here next year even more."

When the Big Ten champions began spring drills, they were greeted with the initials U-C-L-A flashing over and over on the electronic scoreboard. It is easy to see where Illinois is coming from this year. Where the Illini are going is more difficult to discern. A year ago, Mike White thought his team was underrated because it had a battle-hardened defensive unit to carry the load until his young offense could jell. This year the situation is exactly the reverse. It is the offense that will have to sustain the Illini until the retooled defense can come together. The Illini lost their entire front four, including All-America tackle Don Thorp and his All-Big Ten sidekick Mark Butkus. In addition, graduation took the starting linebackers en masse. It is difficult to imagine a team sustaining such losses and still challenging for the Big Ten title, especially when it has to face all of the other top contenders on the road.

Yet, White insists there's a chance it can be done. "I believe that the key to your defense is the secondary," he maintains, and Illinois is loaded with talent in the defensive backfield. But even there Illinois was running into trouble. Free safety Craig Swoope, an All-America candidate, was arrested and charged with a drug violation early in the summer. His status was in doubt. Cornerback Keith Taylor, another starter, was injured in an auto accident, but he is expected to play. Strong safety David Edwards is all-conference material. Mike Heaven, who had five interceptions last season, will start at one corner, with John Ayres ready to fill in for Taylor.

White had hoped to piece together his front seven in spring drills, but came away still perplexed. Two probable starters are defensive ends David Aina (6-5, 250) and Curtis Clarke (6-4, 250), both seniors. Clarke was the most improved defensive player in the spring and Aina also looked good until he got hurt in the last week of drills. Sophomore Ray Hairston was in contention at end until White moved him to linebacker in the final week.

Sophomore Sam Ellsworth and senior Mark Tagart likely will share the middle-linebacking spot, but when spring practice ended White still had "no feel" for his outside linebackers. He was waiting for fall practice, when seven new linebackers and four defensive linemen will be joining the squad. Among those who could make significant contributions on defense are freshman linebackers Jeff Martin and Matt Studtman and frosh defensive lineman Mark McGowan (6-4, 258), who had already bulked up 30 pounds before reporting.

If the defense comes together as quickly as the offense did last year, the Illini will be all right. They went into the season with Trudeau an untested commodity, but when it was over, the sophomore from Livermore, Cal., had proven a worthy successor to David Wilson and Tony Eason. Trudeau completed 63 percent of his passes in leading the team to ten straight victories before the Rose Bowl crusher. The offense averaged a school-record 30.7 points a game.

White tried for a good mix of running and passing in 1983 and was satisfied with the result. The running game could be even stronger in 1984 except, "we may require more big plays if we have to lean on the offense more," White says. If so, the big-play man will usually be split end David Williams (59 for 870), who caught six touchdown passes, including a 77-yarder last year. But with Cam Benson and Mitchell Brookins graduated, White is a little concerned with his receiving corps. That problem could be cleared up with the arrival of Steve Pierce, a highly recruited junior-college transfer from San Diego. A freshman, 6-4, 225-pound Anthony Williams from New Orleans, figures prominently at tight end. Senior Cap Boso was the first choice to replace the departed Tim Brewster, but he was injured during the spring.

Despite the graduation of Dwight Beverly, who made some All-Big Ten teams, Illinois is strong at running back. Junior Thomas Rooks (156 for 842), who scored 11 touchdowns, including the game-winner against Ohio State,

The Big Ten champion Illini boast receiver Don Passmore (#11), quarterback Jack Trudeau (#10), and defensive back Dwayne Pugh.

is the top returning fullback in the conference and could be a contender for national honors. White is also high on sophomore Ray Wilson (63 for 295) and J.C. transfer Eric Wycoff. The runners will be operating behind a talented and experienced offensive line, which features All-America tackle candidate Jim Juriga (6-5, 240) and two all-conference candidates at guard, Chris Babyar (6-4, 250) and Rich Schulte (6-3, 260).

MICHIGAN STATE

(4-6-1, 2-6-1) New Michigan State coach George Perles received a rude welcome into the Big Ten coaching ranks. In his first conference game he lost quarterback Dave Yarema with a shoulder separation and linebacker Carl Banks with a knee injury. Banks came back to lead a strong defensive unit that ranked third in the conference by season's end, but Yarema needed surgery and missed the entire season. As a result, the Spartans had the worst offense in the Big Ten. Most teams averaged more yards passing alone than Michigan State managed in total offense (206.3 yards). The top six offensive teams had more than twice the yardage of the Spartans.

The task for 1984 is obvious—and not as hopeless as it might appear. Despite the loss of Banks to the pro ranks, the defense could be at least as strong as it was last year. And the return of Yarema in itself makes Mighigan State better on offense. Before Yarema went down in the Spartans' third game of the season, he had directed victories over Colorado and Notre Dame. He had completed 33 of 52 passes for 383 yards and three touchdowns. One was an 81-yarder against Notre Dame. His replacement, Clark Brown, had a relatively high completion rate (58 percent) when he could get the ball away. He completed 82 of 141 for 837 yards. But he had nine interceptions and only four touchdowns. Yarema came back completely healthy in the spring, and Brown was battling for the backup job with junior-college transfer Trent Annicharico.

The one big loss on offense was split end Daryl Turner (28 catches, 549 yards). The leading candidate to replace him is sophomore Mark Ingram (4 catches, 28 yards). The other wide receiver should be senior Larry Jackson (2-20). Obviously, there's still room for improvement there. Tight end Butch Rolle (16-169) returns.

The running game looks like it could be respectable. Keith Gates, who did not play in the first five games, ended up second to Ohio State's Keith Byars in conference rushing, with a 90.3-yard average. For the full season, Gates finished just seven yards behind Carl Butler, whose fullback job he took away. Gates gained 542 yards on 134 carries, Butler 549 for 126. That almost represented the entire rushing total for the team, 1,126 yards, which included more than 250 yards lost on quarterback sacks. No wonder Butler will probably be moved to halfback this fall to get both players into the same lineup. Also contending at halfback will be soph Bobby Morse, a sure-handed receiver who was second only to Turner (21-151). As a runner, however, he averaged just 2.6 yards a carry (27 for 69). Another possibility is senior Aaron Roberts, making a last effort to live up to his glowing reputation. Often injured, Roberts gained only 145 yards on 49 carries last year.

Perles looks for his biggest improvement in the offensive line. Three starters are gone, but the line should be better. It will be anchored by center Mark Napolitan (6-3, 255). John Wojciechowski (6-4, 253), a senior who was knocked out for the year in the Illinois game, will return at one guard and junior-college transfer Alan Akana (6-2, 250) will step right in at the other. That leaves returning starter Pat Shurmur (6-1, 221) in a backup role. At the tackles, Perles plans to start mountainous Mark Fincher (6-6, 293) and Steve Bogdalek (6-4, 252), who comes over from defense.

Although he lost Banks, Perles has two outstanding veterans returning to his unique stunt 4-3 defense. They are middle linebacker James Morrissey, the team captain, and free safety Phil Parker, a possible All-America who picked off seven passes last year. Derek Bunch returns for his senior year at one outside linebacker spot and junior Tom Tyree, who saw action when Banks was hurt last year, will take over for the departed All-America. All four down linemen return: ends Kelly Quinn (6-1, 219) and Tom Allan (6-1, 243) and tackles David Wolff (6-4, 237) and Jim Rinella (5-10, 203). Joe Curran (5-11, 260) also will play a lot at tackle. Joining Parker in the defensive backfield are corners Lonnie Young and Terry Lewis, both seniors, and junior Paul Bobbitt, who moves to strong safety after backing up Parker last year.

Perles also has another defensive weapon that gives him a bit of an edge. He's kicker Ralf Mojsiejenko, who led the Big Ten in punting (43.9-yard average) and knocked home 11 of 17 field-goal attempts. His longest, a 59-yarder, tied Purdue at the final gun.

The offense may still be a step behind some of the better Big Ten teams, but with defense and the kicking game, the Spartans should make their presence felt.

INDIANA

(3-8, 2-7) Bill Mallory has now completed the cycle. He started at Miami, O., "The Cradle of Coaches," and now tries his hand at Indiana, the graveyard of coaches. Mallory is the third Hoosier coach in three years. Lee Corso was fired after ten years because he took the Hoosiers to only one bowl game in that time. Sam Wyche paused briefly in Bloomington last fall on his way back to pro football. Now comes Mallory, who coached Northern Illinois to the Mid-American conference championship a year ago.

That's middle linebacker and Spartan captain James Morrissey.

Mallory doesn't have much to work with, but he does have possibly the finest quarterback he has ever coached. Steve Bradley virtually was the Indiana offense last year. His 14 touchdown passes were a school record. So, alas, were his 17 interceptions. The 6-4, 220-pounder completed 182 of his 355 passes for 2,298 yards. Mallory will expect him to do more. More running that is. Wyche had installed a pro-style offense, but unfortunately the pro team it appeared to be styled after was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

No Indiana runner gained more than the 312 yards Orlando Brown netted. That was for the season, not one game. That will change this year when Mallory changes the offense back to the I-formation. In it, Bradley, who has the ability to run over people, will run more by design and less out of panic. Despite the awful numbers, Indiana has some capable tailbacks in Brown and Bobby Howard (85 for

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309), who split time at fullback last year. Another tailback, Chuck Howard, has been switched to fullback, where he probably will back up sophomore Jim Caldwell (6-1, 210).

When Bradley throws the ball, which will still be more often than Mallory has been accustomed to throwing it, his primary target will be split end Len Kenebrew, who caught 47 balls a year ago. At flanker, the Hoosiers lost their big (Duane) Gunn but have a speeding bullet in 5-10 sophomore Stacy Dawsey. Chris Cook, 6-5, 235-pounder who caught only one pass last year, will start at tight end, backed up by junior-college transfer Dave Lilja. There are two offensive linemen who could be All-Big Ten candidates: center Tom Van Dyck (6-3, 260) and tackle Kevin Allen (6-5, 276). Other than that, it's a thin red line.

Because of Bradley, Indiana figures to be able to move the football, but whether the Hoosiers can stop the opposition from moving it is another story. If it's what's up front that counts, don't count on the Hoosiers. Starting nose guard Dave Zyzda (6-1, 217) returns, but after him the plot weakens. Rob Schmit (6-4, 250), who started four games, and Steve May (6-2, 233), who started three, will probably man the tackle spots. Mallory could live with Joe Cristofoli at end, but history suggests he may have to live without him. Cristofoli has had a succession of neck and shoulder injuries throughout his career. Moreover, at 6-3, 221 he's more suited for outside linebacker in the 3-4 than down lineman in Mallory's 5-2. The other defensive end, Joe Ford, is a walk-on, and he's even smaller at 6 feet, 221.

Once you get past that line, which may not be too difficult, things start looking up. Joe Fitzgerald, the second-leading tackler from a year ago, is back at linebacker and so is Mark Weiler, a quality player whose loss in the second game last season was a severe blow. Weiler had knee surgery and sat out spring practice, but he is expected to return to 100 percent efficiency. Mallory also has moved starting free safety Tom Hendrickson to linebacker and was extremely pleased with his performance in the spring.

The Indiana secondary appears solid. Strong safety Chris Sigler, who led the team in tackles a year ago, hopes he doesn't have to do it again. But he'll be there if needed. So will senior cornerbacks Nate Borders and Jeff McBain, both of whom started every game last fall. Taking Hendrickson's spot will be junior Leonard Bell, who started the last four games at outside linebacker in 1983.

Doug Smith, who did an adequate job as place-kicker despite a groin injury last year, is back, along with punter Chuck Razmic, whose 42.2-yard average set a school record.

PURDUE

(3-7-1, 3-5-1) Leon Burtnett can't win for losing. The Purdue coach lost his quarterback, Scott Campbell, who passed for 7,636 yards in his career. He lost tailback Mel Gray, the Boilermakers' leading rusher the last two years. He lost tight end Cliff Benson, who even with injuries was the second-leading receiver last year. The only thing Burtnett hasn't lost is that brutal schedule. Purdue opens against Notre Dame and national champion Miami and then plays a nine-game conference schedule. Ouch!

The first priority in spring practice was to find a replacement for Campbell. But heading

Hoosier quarterback Steve Bradley

into fall, Burtnett still had not sorted out the three candidates. Senior Jim Everett may have a slight edge over freshman redshirts Doug Downing and Jeff Huber. Everett started two games last year but did not set the world on fire in either. In all, he was 31-66-5, for 433-yards and two TDs. He was fairly effective in the spring game, when he hit 9 of 16 pases for 146 yards. And his candidacy received a boost when he was granted an extra year under the redshirt rule. Burtnett does not want to alternate quarterbacks and is hoping the decision will appear more clear-cut in the fall.

Purdue's top three running backs of a year ago are gone, but Burtnett is not overly concerned. The starters will be Bruce King at fullback and Rodney Carter at tailback. King carried just 18 times for 90 yards last year, but gained 93 yards on only five carries in the spring game. Backing him up is Ray Wallace, a two-year starter in the defensive backfield, who was recruited as Indiana's top prep running back in 1981. Carter is the leading returning rusher, having gained 174 yards on 40 carries in 1983. He had gained 343 yards the previous season, then chose baseball over spring football a year ago. This time he concentrated on football and had a good spring.

Jeff Price, who led the team with 40 catches for 633 yards, comes back to head the receiving corps. Junior Steve Griffin (24 for 270), will be the other starter, with juniors Rick Brunner and Mark Jackson the top backups. Replacing Benson at tight end is senior Marty Scott (14 for 214), a reserve the last two years.

Three starters return in the offensive line: seniors Paul Alenka (6-3, 265) and Doug Isbell (6-3, 262) at tackle and junior Mark Drenth (6-5, 260) at guard. Senior Drew Banks (6-2, 285) will open at the other guard with senior Jerry Boat (6-1, 245) the likely starter at center. As a unit, the line is fairly experienced but rather undistinguished. Last year Purdue had little trouble moving the football but often failed to capitalize on its scoring opportunities. With the uncertainty at quarterback, the Boilermakers had better make the most of their chances this time.

If Purdue has a strength on defense it is in the backfield. Freshman All-America free safety Rod Woodson is the top performer. Other probable first-stringers in the secondary include Kennedy Wilson, who started all 11 games at strong safety last year, cornerback incumbent Don Anderson, and Tommy Lee Myers, who will start in place of Wallace. Behind them are experienced backups Randy Fichtner and Corey Cooper, along with J.C. transfer Jeffery Williams.

Burtnett is fairly satisfied with his down linemen: tackles Melvin Menke (6-3, 235) and Bob Ziltz (6-4, 260) and nose guard Brad Hornor (6-2, 240). But his linebacking corps was in a shambles and nothing he saw in spring practice eased his concern. The problem is not so much inside, where walk-on Kevin Sumlin was the leading tackler on the team after replacing the injured Jason Houston. Houston is back and should pair with Sumlin to give the Boilermakers some stability in the middle. But outside there are only three scholarship players listed on the depth chart. James Seward and Bill Mulchrome have some limited experience at the position, while freshman redshirt Joe Smith and walk-on Dwayne Greer were also in contention. Burtnett was hoping to get a quick fix from freshman Andre Janneman (6-7, 225) when he arrives in the fall from Sarasota, Fla.

That is typical of Purdue's problems. It is not so much talent that is missing but experience. Other freshmen who could provide some immediate help include wide receiver Troy Burgess (New Castle, Ind.), offensive lineman Andy Kissner (Delray Beach, Fla.), and defensive lineman Juan Ribot (North Bergen, N.J.). Newcomers John Pawlus, a freshman from Highland, Ind., and Mike Rendina, a transfer from Florida State, are being counted on to handle the kicking.

NORTHWESTERN

(2-9, 2-7) Measuring progress at Northwestern is a little like trying to measure water in a sieve. Two years ago, coach Dennis Green was named Big Ten coach of the year for directing the Wildcats to three victories. Green did not expect a lot more of his team last year as far as the won-lost record. But he did not expect to get less. Nevertheless, the Wildcats regressed. They won just two games and only occasionally looked like a competitive football team. There were injuries to an already weak offensive line and a disciplinary problem with quarterback Sandy Schwab to contend with. Green is cautiously optimistic about 1984; cautious because he will be breaking three young players in on his starting offensive line, optimistic because he does have some veteran talent on defense.

Schwab, a record-setting passer as a freshman, was benched for two games after deliberately missing the team bus following a game at Purdue. Even before that, he was having his troubles. His completion rate of 56.3 percent (188 for 334) was all right, but he had three times as many interceptions (19) as touchdowns (6). On the plus side, he does now have two years of experience under his belt, and Green expects him to have a good year off his spring performance.

To say that Northwestern's rushing game was weak last year is an understatement. It did not exist. The Wildcats averaged only 57.8 yards a game, and one player, Ricky Edwards, averaged 51 of those himself. Edwards led the conference in all-purpose rushing and was high among the national leaders in receptions all season, finishing second, with 83 catches for 570 yards. The three candidates to replace Edwards are junior Claudell Robertson (24 carries for 73 yards) and sophomores George Jones and Ron Burton Jr. The latter is the son of a former Wildcat All-America running back. Fullback will be handled by Casey Cummings, whose strong

points are blocking and receiving. He missed six games with injuries last year. "Our biggest concern is the ground game," admitted Green. "The lack of a running game puts too much pressure on our passing."

All in all, if the running is to be improved it must be because of better line play. The tackles will be Jack Vandenberghe (6-8, 249), who has started 22 straight games, and Dave Dudzinski (6-3, 251), who started the last two games. Senior Phil Leonard (6-2, 275) has the center job nailed down and will be flanked by sophomore Steve Hoffman (6-4, 247) and junior Mario Zappia (6-4, 240) at guards. Clearly, the Wildcats' weight training program is beginning to show results.

Graduation also hit Northwestern hard in the receiving corps. Flanker Tony Coates (24 catches for 354 yards) returns, but Green must replace split and Todd Jenkins and tight

Northwestern OT Jack Vandenberghe

end Jon Harvey. Eric Anderson, who started two games at split end last year (7-95), will share time with Marc Bumgarner, a rangy (6-5, 220) tight end who has been converted. Green received a pleasant surprise when he got his first look at tight end Rich Borreson (6-5, 250), a JC transfer. "He's a dominating blocker and a better receiver than we had anticipated," Green said. The Wildcats use their tight ends to shuttle in plays, and Borreson will alternate with Ralph Jackson (6-5, 226), Harvey's backup the last two years.

But the Wildcats also need improvement on defense and Green thinks that will come this year. He has ten starters returning, missing only linebacker Mike Guendling, a second-round pick in the NFL draft. The leader of the defense is tackle Keith Cruise (6-4, 268), a second-team All-Big Ten choice a year ago. Cruise has been a starter since his first game. Junior Daryl Newell (6-4, 267), who started seven games last year, is the other tackle. Sophomore Ted Karras (6-2, 234), who had three starts before being sidelined with a knee injury, returns at nose guard.

Despite the loss of Guendling, linebacking is one of the strengths of the Wildcats. Inside, Jim Bobbitt led the Big Ten in tackles last year and has led the team for two years in a row. He's paired with senior Darin Morgan, a two-year starter. Sophomore Jim Torkelson will probably replace Morgan on passing downs. Outside, Alex Moyer has started every game for three years. Replacing Guendling will be Ellery Bennett, his backup for three years.

The defensive backfield is green but ripening. Three and possibly four sophomores could start. Strong safety Charles Plant, who led the team with three interceptions last year, is the only certain first-stringer. Free safety is up for grabs between sophomore Orville Nevels and senior Scott Sanderson. Seniors Kevin Brown and Jankeith Gatewood came out of spring drills as the starting cornerbacks, but sophomore Undra Lofton, who started eight games before going down with a sternum injury, is expected to reclaim his job.

One place where Green knows there will be a dropoff in talent is in the punting game, where John Kidd (41.9) was a fifth-round NFL draft choice. The job belongs to James Zenda, who kicked well in the spring.

MINNESOTA

(1-10, 0-9) Everyone knows that new Gopher coach Lou Holtz is an amateur magician of note. Nevertheless, he insists, "I'm not going to be able to wave a magic wand and turn Minnesota into a winner." Well, school officials never said they thought they'd hired Merlin. But they do believe they've hired one of the most gifted coaches in the country. Holtz is a proven winner at North Carolina State and Arkansas. But he may yet have to be somewhat of a magician to pull the Gophers out of the hole they've been in the last few years.

Minnesota has lost 18 of its last 19 games, an opening-game victory at Rice in 1983 the only victory in that span. The Gopher defense gave up a staggering 518 points last year, an average of 47 a game. Nebraska scored 84 points against the once-proud Minnesota defense. Two other teams scored in the 60s and two more in the 50s. Not only were the Gophers bad, they were unlucky. Their injury list was longer than the players' pass list by the end of the year. A total of 53 players missed one or more games with an injury. Fortunately, some of the injuries have healed and some of the players who would not otherwise have started gained valuable experience. Holtz had 48 lettermen and 15 starters on hand when he took command.

Offensively, he has gone to the option I, abandoning the pro set favored by his predecessor, Joe Salem. Now all he needs is someone to run it. Greg Murphy, the JC transfer brought in a year ago, could take only one year before leaving. Brent Sadek, the freshman who had Murphy's job by the end of last year, is a drop-back passer, but he was trying to learn Holtz's system in the spring. He was running slightly behind Andy Hare, who came to Minnesota as a quarterback but played safety (and led the team in interceptions) last year. It's possible neither will win the job because Holtz has two standout freshmen coming in, both experienced at running an option offense. One is Michael Baker from St. Louis, the other Dan Ford from Tulsa.

The good news for the Gophers is that they have their top four running backs and six of the top seven from a year ago. The bad news is that none of them gained as much as 300 yards. David Puk (73 carries for 287 yards), the rushing leader, is back at fullback after an experimental switch to tight end in the spring. He may not start, however. Valdez Baylor (55-229) and Kevin Wilson (61-197) staked out their claims during the spring. The most talented of the tailbacks is Tony Hunter (53-194) who has had an up-and-down career at Minnesota. Hunter did not participate in spring drills, trying to catch up with his school work.

Veteran Dwayne McMullen (28 catches for 393 yards) is back at flanker and Lungen Howard (21-360) should move into the split-end starting role. The cupboard at tight end is virtually bare, with junior Kevin Starks the only returning letterman. Starks caught one pass for minus two yards last year.

A pair of proven tackles anchors the offensive line. Mark VonderHarr (6-5, 246) was a starter in 1982 but had knee surgery a year ago. Jon Lilleberg (6-5, 247) moves from guard to the other tackle spot. Sophomore Ray Hitchcock (6-2, 245) won the center spot in the spring. Candidates for guard include Jeff Moritko (6-3, 261), Scott Annexstad (6-3½, 248), and Mike Pryor (6-3, 252).

Defensively, the Gophers appear strongest at linebacker. Peter Najarian, who was leading the Big Ten in tackles before suffering a knee injury late in the season, injured the other knee in spring camp. He is expected to be healthy when fall practice opens. In addition, Glen Cieslewicz, who was written off after wrecking a knee during the 1982 season, is finally sound again and had a good spring. The switch of Hare to quarterback gives the free-safety job to Andre Harris. Other likely starters in the backfield are Larry Joyner at strong safety and Kerry Glenn and Duane Dutrieuille at the corners.

Minnesota linebacker Glen Cieslewicz

Up front, Steve Thompson (6-1, 255) switched from tackle to nose guard. Holtz has senior veterans Craig Graffunder (6-4, 250) and Craig Paulson (6-4, 251) at tackle, but the end positions are less clear-cut. Jerry Keeble switched to linebacker, leaving Scott Tessier (6-2, 208), Mark Darden (6-4, 237), and Bruce Holmes (6-2, 215) to battle it out.

The air of defeatism that has hovered over Minneapolis the last two seasons seemed dissipated in the spring. And the Gophers can look forward to their opener, which once again is against Rice. They'd better not look beyond that, however. Next stop: Lincoln, Neb.

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NOTRE DAME

(7-5). At least one publication picked Notre Dame to be the national champion in preseason speculation a year ago. After three years of mediocrity under Gerry Faust, it's not likely the Irish will be overrated this year. But they could be underrated. With a little luck, the Irish could have been 10-2 a year ago instead of 7-5, including their Liberty Bowl win over Boston College. With a little tougher schedule, it might take a little luck for Notre Dame to go 9-2 in the regular season this time. But the talent appears to be there.

Even their toughest critics couldn't complain too much about the Irish offense last year. Despite being shut out in one game (by eventual national champion Miami), the Irish averaged nearly 25 points a game. And they did it while freshman quarterback Steve Beuerlein was getting on the job training. Beuerlein, who took over for starter Blair Kiel during the Miami loss, was kept under wraps most of the time. But Faust insists he has the arm to throw deep and he'll get the chance to prove it this time.

The Irish were more run- than pass-oriented last year, and with Heisman candidate Allen Pinkett back for his third year, they may well be again. Pinkett already owns a whole flock of school records and has two more years to get the ones he doesn't hold. His 1,394 yards rushing were just 43 yards short of Vagas Ferguson's standard. His 18 touchdowns were a record, as were his 110 points. The latter broke a mark that had stood since 1903. His nine 100-yard games and five in a row also set Notre Dame standards. Only 5-9 and listed at 183 pounds, Pinkett has amazing power. He also has good hands, as evidenced by his team-leading 28 catches. Pinkett missed most of spring drills after undergoing arthoscopic surgery on his left knee, but was expected to be in top shape by the fall.

Running in the same backfield will be senior fullback Chris Smith, who gained 104 yards in the Liberty Bowl. Mark Brooks, another senior, will share time with Smith. When Pinkett needs a rest this year, his replacement could be Alonzo Jefferson, used almost exclusively on the kick-return teams as a freshman. Switched from wide receiver late in the year, Jefferson came on strong in the spring and had three touchdowns in the spring game. Hiawatha Francisco will probably be switched to free safety as a result.

The Irish pass receiving is in good hands. Starters Joe Howard (27 catches for 464 yards) and Milt Jackson (23 for 438) are back at the wide-receiver positions, where they'll be joined by Alvin Miller, a 6-4, 208-pound sophomore who was a bit of a disappointment as a freshman. But Miller showed in the Liberty Bowl and in spring camp that he's ready to play up to all those glowing notices. Tight end will be manned by veteran Mark Bavaro (23 catches, 376 yards).

The offensive line is experienced and talented, led by center Mike Kelley and All-America guard candidate Larry Williams, who moved over from tackle. Even at 6-6, 286, Williams is quick enough to lead plays as a pulling guard. Tom Doerger (6-5, 272) moves into Williams's vacated tackle spot. The remainder of the offensive line returns intact: Mike Perrino (6-5, 274) at tackle, Tim Scannell (6-4, 277) at guard, and Kelley (6-5, 266) at center.

Although Notre Dame ranked fourteenth in total defense in 1983, the Irish did have their problems on defense. Most of the trouble seemed located in the secondary, where two of the starters, Stacey Toran and Chris Brown, have graduated. Sophomore Troy Wilson, who had two interceptions as a freshman backup in '83, steps into Toran's shoes and Steve Lawrence, another sophomore, will be the free safety. Francisco figures to get some time at free safety if he makes the switch from tailback. The other cornerback is returning junior Pat Ballage, and senior Joe Johnson provides stability at strong safety.

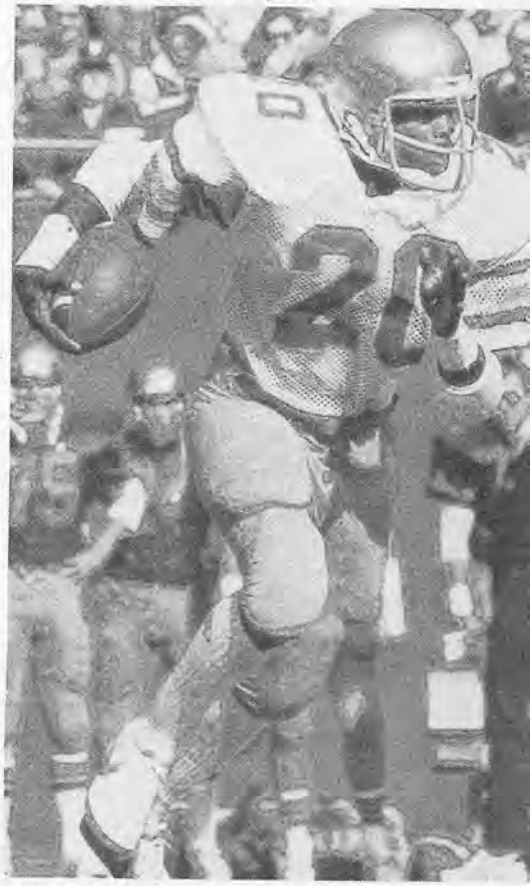
The Irish will employ a 3-4 defense this year, having hired three new defensive coaches. The only departed lineman is Jon Autry at nose tackle. His spot will be filled by sophomore Mike Griffin (6-4, 254). Senior Mike Gann

Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust with quarterback Steve Beuerlein (top), linebacker Mike Golic, and tailback Allen Pinkett (right)

(6-5, 256) fills one of the other tackle spots, and in a surprise, soph Wally Kleine (6-8, 278) moved ahead of Greg Dingens for the other spot. Kleine was voted the outstanding defensive player of the spring. But since the Irish plan to substitute liberally up front, Dingens (6-5, 254) and Eric Dorsey (6-5, 265) should both see a lot of action.

Linebacker Rick Naylor graduated, but to compensate, Mike Larkin, who missed the entire season with a broken arm, is coming back. Larkin will move to the outside to pair with Mike Golic (6-5, 257), who was an end in the old system. Inside backers will be Tony Furjanic and Mike Kovaleski, starters a year ago. Kovaleski took over when Larkin was hurt and looked so good in the spring that Larkin was moved outside.

Faust had to replace both his punter and place-kicker and was still undecided as to who would kick field goals in place of the departed Mike Johnston. Walk-on John Carney had the inside track, but a 52-yard field goal in a spring scrimmage by 5-6 Pat Chura, another walk-on, kept him in contention. Fifth-year senior Mike Viracola is the punter.



The Irish drop Army and Pittsburgh this year and pick up Missouri and Louisiana State, both on the road. In Faust's first three years, Notre Dame has started with a bang and ended with a whimper. This year he is looking for consistency from start to finish. If he doesn't get it, the always hard-to-please Notre Dame fans surely will be looking for a new coach.

CINCINNATI

(4-6-1). When Watson Brown left after only one year to take the head coaching job at Rice, Cincinnati officials didn't know whether to hire a new head coach or an orthopedic surgeon. With a bone-breaking schedule that includes national champion Miami, Auburn, Florida, and Alabama, the Bearcats need to have everybody healthy.

That especially includes quarterback Troy Bodine, who has fractured his left arm three times in the last two seasons. When he's healthy, Bodine is one of the best passers in the college ranks. He threw for more than 300

Cincinnati QB Troy Bodine

yards in three of Cincinnati's first five games last year and led the Bearcats to an upset over Penn State in the opener.

In the sixth game, he broke the arm again. In 5½ games, he passed for 1,643 yards and 13 touchdowns. Bodine got through spring drills all right, but was protected from contact. In the fall, he'll wear a soft cast on the arm, even though it's fully healed. New coach Dave Currey will say a few prayers it stays that way.

Currey also will run a two-back offense, which could help keep opposing marauders off Bodine's back. Not that he will forget that Cincinnati is basically a passing team. It's the same offensive scheme that made Long Beach State the No. 1 passing team in the nation in 1982. The top returning receiver is Jason Stargel, whose 680 yards on 32 receptions (21.3-yard average) was the third-highest total in school history. If Bodine's good arm gets tired of flinging passes, the running game belongs to little (5-7) Reggie Taylor, who didn't play until the third game last year but still gained 784 yards. The line needs rebuilding after the loss of three starters.

Defensively, the Bearcats are experienced but relatively small up front, where three returning starters average about 240 pounds. Alex Gordon, who has beefed up 15 pounds to 225, is the only one of the four starting linebackers to return, and there are also two missing starters in the secondary.

The early schedule (Akron and Youngstown State) is an improvement over last year's (Penn State, Oklahoma State), but the Bearcats will struggle to match last year's record.

DAYTON

(7-3). The Flyers' basketball team went all the way to the Final Eight in the NCAA tournament, and now the football team has aspirations of doing the same in the expanded Division III tournament.

Virtually the entire defense that held opponents to 83.9 yards per game rushing and 11.3 points returns intact. Only free safety Dennis Koper graduates, but Ron Moulden, who had been a starter there before being injured, returns. The key performer is ball-hawking linebacker Dave Kemp, who led the team in tackles, pounced on four fumbles, and grabbed four interceptions.

Primarily a running team, Dayton rushed for an average of 267 yards a game, seventh best in Division III. This season, Destry rides again. Tailback Destry Fallen, that is. He sat out last year with an injury after being the leading punt returner as a freshman. He's back and will share time at tailback with Rob Diorio in the option-I offense. Diorio averaged 7.1 yards a carry (43-307) last year as a backup. Tony Wilkins (60-294) is the fullback.

Quarterback Brian Smith has departed, but Phil Nussman takes over. Nussman's stats are not glittering. He completed only 30 of 75 passes (40 percent). But when he hit, he hit big. He totaled 582 yards, which computes to 19.4 yards for every completion. His longest was for 65 yards and a touchdown. The biggest problem will be to replace center Dave Harrison, who left no capable backup. But the Flyers figure to be on the wing this fall.

mid-american conference

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(10-2, 8-1) First, the good news: the Huskies were the MAC champions and defeated Cal Fullerton in the third annual California Bowl. The bad news is that many of those responsible for the good news are gone.

Coach Bill Mallory has moved on to Indiana as the successor to Sam Wyche. Lee Corso takes over the Huskies' reins. His first assignment is to find replacements for quarterback Tim Tyrrell (1,799 total-offense yards and 15 TDs), fullback Lou Wicks (the Cal Bowl MVP), and record-setting place-kicker Vince Scott. Furthermore, Corso must rebuild the offensive line and the secondary.

Nevertheless, there is still a lot of talent around in DeKalb in the form of 13 returning starters. Darryl Taylor saw action in eight games as Tyrrell's backup. He'll try to keep the ball in the hands of All-MAC tailback Darryl Richardson (1,204 yards rushing and 10 TDs) as often as possible. Joe Law and Joel Kinkaid also return to the backfield. There are some dependable targets: tight end Reggie Sims, the team's leading receiver, Carl Adams, and Curt Partridge. The line features All-MAC guard Todd Peat and center Dan Feely. Jeff Tharp, Davie Bierman, Stuart Sprecher, and frosh John Sugrue and Ted Karamanos will compete for the job vacancies.

The defensive front has a veteran look. All-league Gary Schlinger will have a new partner at end, but tackles Scott Kellar and Steve O'Malley and nose guard Doug Bartlett are set. Pat McAvoy and Tim Griffin are steady linebackers, but only strong safety Lee Hicks returns to the backfield. Rastee Oce, Dave Heide, and Charles Jones should move into the starting lineup in the fall.

Tailbacks Darryl Richardson (#35) of Northern Illinois and Curtis Adams of Central Michigan

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

(8-3, 7-2) The Chippewas won their final three games last season, outscoring their opponents 102-30 to finish in a three-way tie for second place in the conference. The highlight was a 30-14 thrashing of MAC champion Northern Illinois. Coach Herb Deromedi has 16 starters back from that squad.

The offense features the heroics of two-time All-MAC tailback Curtis Adams, who has rushed for more than 2,500 yards over the past two years. Soph quarterback Ron Fillmore (59 of 126 for 915 yards and 8 TDs) will direct the attack. Fullback Tony Brown and Matt Coffey and Ted Hollern return, as does split end Joe DeBoer, the leading receiver. There are a couple of holes to fill in the line, but Brian Williams, Terry Goodell, and Mike Brunner are on hand for another campaign.

Free safety Jim Bowman leads seven returning defensive starters. He intercepted eight passes and was third on the team in tackles in '83. Carl Kloosterman holds down one corner, but he'll have a new partner. All-MAC tackle Pat Brackett and nose guard Pete Panelli anchor the line and a trio of seniors—Mike Bevier, Kevin Egnatuk, and Steve Sklenar—back them up at linebacker.

The Chippewas play at home seven times, including three in September. One of those, however, is a tough challenge: East Carolina.

TOLEDO

(9-2, 7-2) The Rockets launched the 1983 season with nine straight wins. Then injuries and MAC rivals Northern Illinois and Central Michigan brought them back to earth with two losses. Coach Dan Simrell has 33 lettermen, including 15 starters, back from that team.

The offensive line returns intact: tackles Brian Vehar and Steve Gruenschlaeger, guards John Berlan and Joe Cron, center Darryl Kershaw, and tight end Glen Burch. That experience should help ease the pressure on the new quarterback, either Kent Bishop or A.J. Sagan, neither of whom saw much action behind the departed Joe Kelso, a four-year starter. Another possibility is Bill Bergan, who sat out last year with mononucleosis. Tailback Steve Morgan, the Rockets' leading rusher (630 yards), returns. His new running mate at fullback should be Jerome Stephens. Bill Coure is the leading receiver on hand.

The entire secondary will be back in '84. The star of that unit is Mark Brandon (5-7), who set a school record with nine interceptions last year. His backfield mates include Dexter Clark, Harold McGuire, and Marc Patton. Clayton Moore led the team in tackles from his linebacker post. He's joined by Chuck Brewster, Steve Hoyt, and Tim Inglis. End Bob Beemer anchors the line. He'll get

help from nose guard Alan Harberson, tackles Mark White and Brent Williams, and ends Rick Milburn and Jeff Scherting.

Punter Dave Walker (team-record 40.9-yard average) returns, but a replacement must be found for place-kicker Tony Lee, now toiling for the Pittsburgh Maulers.

BOWLING GREEN

(8-3, 7-2) The Falcons have won more MAC games than any team over the last two seasons. Coach Denny Stolz has seven returning starters from an offense that averaged more than 25 points per outing in 1983 and eight defensive regulars from the unit that was eleventh in the nation against the run.

The offense starts with All-America quarterback Brian McClure. He set an NCAA record for yards passing (3,264) by a sophomore last season. His favorite target is Mark Dowdell, whose 70 receptions a year ago led the MAC and established an NCAA standard for tight ends. Stan Hunter caught 63 passes for 1,107 yards as a frosh. McClure could use some running support. That will have to be provided by George Schmelzle, Bill Kuhlman, Andre Fullwood, and Bernard White. Tackles Dean Hall and Vic Cales return, as do center Brian Johnson and guard Dan Schriner. And Greg King, a guard from the 1982 MAC championship team, is back after sitting out '83 with a knee injury.

The departure of Martin Bayless leaves a large void in the secondary, where Melvin Marshall and Brian Munson have experience. Tackles Mike Foor and Stu Tolle return, and Norm Recla and Phil Walker will compete for the nose job. Ends Troy Dawson and Chris Hartman are trading positions with linebackers Vince Villanucci and Shawn Simms.

Another plus is place-kicker Gehad Youssef, who set a school mark with 16 field goals, including a 57-yarder.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

(6-5, 4-5) Coach Jack Harbaugh figures a little improvement will make a big difference this season. You see, the Broncos lost three conference games by a combined total of 11 points a year ago. Six regulars on offense and five on defense hope to turn things around.

There isn't much room for improvement in the play of linebacker John Offerdahl. An All-MAC selection, he led the league in tackles and is just three stops shy of the school record with two years of eligibility remaining. Further strength is supplied by nose guard Jack Giarmo and tackles Jeff Kacmarek and Leon Brooks, with Mark Garalczyk, who sat out '83, in reserve. Jerry Alford and Roy Swoape join Offerdahl at linebacker, but Dwayne Fletcher is questionable after suffering a knee injury. The secondary must be rebuilt, for only one starter, Nate Bolton, returns. Luther Verner will get the call at one corner and Ken Luckett takes over at strong safety.

The offense loses its main man, running back Shawn Faulkner, the nation's No. 2 rusher (151.6 yards per game), who gained 1,668 of the Broncos' 1,680 yards on the ground. Quarterback Steve Hoffman returns. He set school marks for pass attempts and completions and finished with 1,407 yards. Tight end Kelly Spielmaker, the MAC Frosh of the Year, caught 48 passes for 653 yards. Cliff Reed, Todd Fleck, and Paul Sorce also are available. Tackle Tom Toth is the headliner on the line, where he'll be joined by Jim Griffin, Chris Baar, Sam Culbert, and Tom Stevenson.

Western Michigan LB John Offerdahl

BALL STATE

(6-5, 4-4) The Cardinals return 12 starters and one travel agent from last year's fifth-place MAC finish. The former is essential to the team's improvement, the latter to an itinerary which takes the Cardinals to Massachusetts, Washington State, and the Hoosier Dome.

The defense, with eight regulars back, will have to carry the load. Kevin Young, the "Hawk," heads a secondary that returns intact. He had seven interceptions in '83. His

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backfield mates are Darren Martin, Jeff Burns, and Todd Clark, with Duval Dunn and Jeff Warren in reserve. Tackle Mike Willis and nose guard Mike Davis lead the charge up front, where Craig Lennon, Mike Giese, and Ed Konopasek will battle for the remaining berth. Mark Fioritto and Mike Brown man two linebacking posts, with Dale Mercer, Todd Achor, and Michael Humphrey also competing.

Coach Dwight Wallace has just four returning starters on offense, but two of them are record-breakers. Quarterback Neil Britt established Ball State standards by completing 206 of 348 passes for 2,377 yards, including a MAC record 437 yards vs. Bowling Green. He also had 25 interceptions. Tight end Mike Leuck was on the receiving end of a school-high 67 passes. He leads a receiving corps which includes Ricky George and Terrell Smith. Tony Bananno and Bob Brinson are the new running backs. Only one regular returns on the line, tackle Mark Boggs (6-6, 305). Jim Minick should be one guard, and Steve Dennis, Eric Johnson, and Don Kaczmarek fill out the rest of the front.

MIAMI (OH)

(4-7, 3-5) The Redskins lost three times in the closing minutes last year, but second-year coach Tim Rose is counting on 12 returning starters to reverse the team's fortunes this season. It won't be easy, for there are seven road games, among which are dates with Washington, Houston, and Cincinnati.

Todd Rollins set a school mark a year ago when he completed 110 passes for 1,262 yards and seven touchdowns. He has set his sights higher this season. Split end Tom Murphy also returns. He caught 39 passes for 610 yards and four TDs in '83. George Swarn is the leading rusher back (267 yards). He's joined in the backfield by John Caldwell and Larry Ballew. Matt Cupito, Bob Smith, Randy Sullivan, Eric Bauer, and Dan Dalrymple comprise the forward wall.

The defense features inside linebacker Tim Colleran, who has led the Redskins in tackles and assists for the past two years. Paul Mullen and Gary Nagel flank him, with Steve Dailey and Mike Farley on the line. Troy White holds down one job in the secondary, where Steve Fitzhugh, Tom Black, Kevin Ziegman, and Phil Burchfield will see plenty of action.

OHIO U.

(4-7, 3-6) Coach Brian Burke will have to change tactics this season and live by his defense. His explosive but high-risk offense is gone: quarterback Donny Harrison, who threw for over 2,300 yards; and receivers Sherman McBride, Lance Pickens, and Eddie Washington, who combined for 121 receptions and almost 1,700 yards. The Bobcats surrendered just 115.3 yards per game and five TDs through the air in '83. But opponents didn't have to pass. They averaged 213.4 yards per contest on the ground and scored 27 times.

Bruce Gillard or former defensive back Dennis Swearingen will be the quarterback, with Mike Siragusa and Tom Compernolle the receivers. The line features Tim Linson, Sam Reda, Mike Reese, Brian Bertoia, Randy Johnson, and Joe Andrews.

Inside linebacker Mike Mangen and tackle Sherman Carter will be the keys to the defensive improvement. Phil Massinople, John Guzik, and Joe Finsham fill out the line; Tom Kennedy, Brad Williams, Paul Zimmer, and Brian Mays work alongside Mangen. Doug Smalley, Eroc Edwards, Shawn Benner, and David Board are returnees in the secondary.

Ball State rover Kevin Young

KENT STATE

(1-10, 1-8) Despite that dismal record, the Golden Flashes set 13 game and season offensive marks a year ago, and many of the players responsible return. Stu Rayburn assumed the quarterback duties in the fourth game and finished with over 1,400 yards through the air, including a school-record 419 yards and four TDs against Toledo. His three favorite targets return: tight end Joe Rucky, split end Ken Hughes, and flanker Todd Feldman. They combined for 94 receptions and more than 1,300 yards. Four of last season's line starters are on hand: center Bill Bernard, tackles Jim Weist and Jim Nunley, and guard Andt Cregan, who will be joined by Stefan Craig. The running game will come from O.D. Underwood, Derrick Nix, Mike Virgin, Tim Starks, and Johnnie Ray.

Coach Dick Scesniak has to replace six defensive starters, including three-fourths of his linebackers. Mike Carruthers is the only regular 'backer available. He'll be teamed with Joe Dolce, Dan Chambers, and Mike Percher this year. Tackles Randy Hicks and Lee Bullington are solid on the line, where Brian Oblak and John Kolencik will compete for duty. The secondary welcomes back cornerbacks Derrick Samuels, Terry White, and Steve Lyle, with Robin Peterson and Stuart Sims moving into starting roles at the safety positions.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

(1-10, 0-9) Coach Jim Harkema isn't used to losing (68-29-1 prior to taking over the Hurons last season), but he faces a tough rebuilding job in putting Eastern Michigan back on the winning side. Thirteen of 22 starters return, and the strength is with the receivers. Both wideouts, Rick Simpson and Derrin Powell, are on hand. The combined for 69 catches and 1,117 yards in '83. Steve Coulter is again at the controls. He completed 140 of 304 passes for 1,827 yards and eight TDs while throwing 19 interceptions. Backup Robert Gordon will challenge for more time. All-MAC tailback Rick Calhoun is gone; candidates for his spot are Derron Vernon, Todd White, and Jerry Gaydash, last year's fullback. Three of last season's starting linemen return: tackles Dale Boone and Mike Smith and guard David Teague. Don Doan and Richard Bitzer fill out the unit.

Defensively, the Hurons welcome six regulars from '83. Outside linebackers Dan Cohen and Jeff Pierzynski are three-year starters. Matt Finlay handles one inside post. Tackles Derrick Whitehead and Mike Ochadleus fortify the front, and Anthony Fields, Robert Thompson, and Mike Thayer hold down jobs in the secondary.

mid-continent conference

EASTERN ILLINOIS

(9-3, 3-0) The Panthers, under first-year coach Al Molde, reached the I-AA playoffs for the second straight season. They have compiled the best record (56-18-1) of any Division I school in the state since 1978, yet they face a rebuilding job in 1984. Only five starters return, yet two of them are All-America candidates. Split end Jerry Wright led the MCC with 44 receptions for 779 yards, and linebacker Tyrone Covington led the team in tackles despite missing one game and parts of two others with an injury. Competition for the skill positions is wide-open; Tom Moskal, Dan Fallon, and Dave Fergurson will reclaim their starting berths on defense.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

(6-5, 2-1) The Bears feature 18 returning starters, nine on each unit, and coach Rich Johanningmeier will make a strong bid for the MCC title. Free safety Mike Armentrout is a defensive stalwart. He led Division I-AA with ten interceptions in 1983. Linebackers James Houston and Cornelius Blow were 1-2 in tackles a year ago. They're back for more. The top three runners return in John Longstreet, Keith Williams, and David Cummings, and quarterback Greg Arterburn hopes to bounce back from a knee injury. Bob Schermer, Dave Knowski, and Rob Young anchor the line.

NORTHERN IOWA

(6-5,1-2) The Panthers recorded their first winning season since 1980, and coach Darrell Mudra has 13 starters from that squad to try for more success. Of the returnees, perhaps none are more important than three members of the special teams: place-kicker Mike Molstead set records for most field goals attempted (21) and made (15); punter Mike Johnson set a school mark with a 43.1-yard average; Joe Fuller returned an interception 89 yards and was among the NCAA leaders in punt returns. Quarterback Larry Miller returns, as do receivers James Hutchings, Mario Sanders, and Bryan Taylor and runners Steve Harris and Pat Williams. Joe O'Brien and Mark Holmes are defensive mainstays.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

(3-8, 0-3) Second-year coach Bruce Craddock is counting on 13 starters, including two All-Americas, from his 1983 squad to put the Leathernecks back into contention for the MCC title. Nose tackle Chris Gunderson, one honors candidate, owns the school records for most tackles for a loss in a game, a year, and a career. Free safety Earl Thompson, a big-play performer, led the team with six interceptions. Quarterback Mark Bloom, who averaged 172 yards per game, leads seven returning regulars on offense. Tailback Kevin Perkins, a running and receiving threat, might be moved to split end.

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west

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The Pacific 10 was so good in 1982 that a lot of people wondered why it was so bad in 1983. Until the Rose Bowl, that is. Pac-10 teams had a 26-10-1 out-of-conference record in '82. The record in '82 was 15-18-1. The slump was such that in November a national sports magazine devoted considerable coverage to the supposed crackup and came up with all sorts of reasons for it: loss of 128 seniors from the class of '82 (55 of whom were drafted by the National Football League), NCAA probation at Southern Cal and Arizona, subpar quarterback play, a less than scintillating recruiting crop on the West Coast, a league rule that allowed each school only 90 scholarships—as opposed to the 95 approved by the NCAA—a California talent raid by non-Pac 10 schools.

A couple of the conference's coaches agreed with some of that thinking.

Washington's Don James said: "To evaluate our league, you have to go back to 1982, when we had four outstanding teams and graduated a large senior class. I believe we had more players drafted that year than any other conference. We were playing a lot more younger players last season. I hope, in 1984, we'll be much stronger, since the young players now have experience."

Arizona's Larry Smith said: "The change this season to 95 overall scholarships should help our league. We won't see any immediate difference, but two or three years down the road, you will see 50 to 150 more athletes in the league who wouldn't have been on our teams. I don't think the Pac-10 was so down last year. We may have started a little slowly in some non-conference games, but we finished strongly. Our champion did pretty well in the biggest game of them all."

The champ was UCLA, and it did indeed do pretty well in the Rose Bowl, crushing Big Ten winner Illinois, 45-9. Bruin coach Terry Donahue wasn't surprised. Way back in November he had said: "Last year the league's success was almost ridiculous. But you can line up five teams in this conference that are real good and they can play with five teams from any conference."

This season, that appears very likely. Washington State's Jim Walden said in the spring: "This league could very easily have as many as five teams with as many as eight wins when the season is over." He didn't spell out exactly which teams he meant, but Arizona State, Washington, UCLA, USC, and his own squad all seem to fit the bill, and Arizona might have an outside chance despite major player losses. Stanford won't be in that company this year, but it figures to get well in a hurry under new coach Jack Elway (from San Jose State) and his wide-open offense.

The Pac 10's major football barometer has always been Southern Cal. The Trojans were little short of terrible (4-6-1) by Trojan standards in '83 under first-year coach Ted Tollner, but should be back to at least a reasonable facsimile of themselves this season. Even if they are, it's doubtful they can fend off the brash new challenger, Arizona State, and two old standbys, Washington and UCLA.

There appears to be the same kind of quality balance in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, where multi-talented Randall Cunningham may lead another relative newcomer, Nevada Las Vegas, to a championship, although Fresno State and surprise '83 winner Cal State Fullerton appear prepared to mount an argument. The PCAA is now an eight-team conference, with the addition of New Mexico State this season.

In the Western Football Conference, the favorite is Santa Clara, which in coach Pat Malley's 26th season looks to be ahead of Cal State Northridge, the team it tied for the league championship last season.

predictions

pacific-10 conference
1. Arizona State, 2. Washington, 3. UCLA, 4. Southern California, 5. Washington State, 6. Arizona, 7. Stanford, 8. California, 9. Oregon, 10. Oregon State

pacific coast aa
1. Nevada Las Vegas, 2. Fresno State, 3. Cal State Fullerton, 4. Utah State, 5. San Jose State, 6. Long Beach State, 7. Pacific, 8. New Mexico State

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1. Santa Clara, 2. Cal State Northridge, 3. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, 4. Portland State

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pacific 10 conference

ARIZONA STATE

There are a lot of things to like about the Sun Devils this season, such as schedule (eight games in Tempe), defense (21 of the top 22 players return), and Luis Zendejas, very likely the best collegiate kicker in America. There are a few things to wonder about, such as an inexperienced quarterback, a young offensive line, and a second-half sag in 1983 that dropped the overall record to 6-4-1. But the Sun Devils led the conference in total offense and total defense, and except for breakdowns in the waning moments could have won three more games. The feeling here is that Darryl Rogers will get those wins this year, and advance to the Rose Bowl for the first time.

Much depends on how well third-year sophomore quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst (6-1, 204) replaces the departed Todd Hons. He can run and throw and looks like a leader. He'll team with the Pac 10's second-leading rusher, junior tailback Darryl Clack (932 yards despite nagging injuries), and fullback Channing Williams (5-11, 200), who's moving over from tailback. Junior Mike Crawford (547 yards) is a fine reserve. The starting wide receivers, Doug Allen (31 catches for 472 yards) and Paul Day (28 for 476), return, but depth could be a problem here. It will be tough to fill in for leading receiver Don Kern at tight end, too. Candidates include senior reserve Curt Arons (6-3, 225), sophomores Stein Koss (6-2, 220)—a converted quarterback—and Jeff Gallimore (6-2, 225), and freshman Randall McDaniel (6-4, 230).

Rogers will build his offensive line around senior center Mark Shupe (6-5, 245) and senior guard Dan Madden (6-6, 245). Senior Dan Magazzeni (6-5, 270) and sophomore Danny Villa (6-5, 280) should be at the tackles, with sophomore Brian Lopker (6-2, 250) or redshirt freshman Steve Rossoll (6-4, 250) at the other guard. Senior David Fonoti (6-2, 263) could be a factor somewhere.

Offensive guard David Fonoti

The place-kicker is Zendejas, who enters his senior season with 295 points on 65 field goals and 100 conversions. "There's nobody any better," says Rogers. Jim Meyer, who averaged 42.1 yards per punt, is back for his senior season.

The defense should carry the Sun Devils through the first half of the season, when they must play USC, Stanford, and California in succession. The major strengths are at linebacker and in the secondary. Senior Jimmy Williams (6-0, 215) and junior Greg Battle (6-1, 192) are among the nation's best inside backers, and there's talent aplenty outside in people like seniors Brian Noble (6-4, 235), Billy Robinson (6-2, 205), who skipped spring ball

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Wide receiver . . Larry Willis . . SR . . Fresno State
Tight end . . Don Noble . . SO . . California
Tackle . . Duval Love . . SR . . UCLA
Tackle . . Jeff Deaton . . SR . . Stanford
Guard . . Dan Lynch . . SR . . Washington State
Guard . . Tom Hallock . . JR . . Southern Cal
Center . . Dan Eernissee . . SR . . Washington
Place-kicker . . Luis Zendejas . . SR . . Arizona State

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Line . . Terry McDonald . . SR . . San Jose State
Line . . Ron Holmes . . SR . . Washington
Linebacker . . Jack Del Rio . . SR . . Southern Cal
Linebacker . . Neal Dellocono . SR . . UCLA
Linebacker . . Lee Blakeney . . SR . . Washington State
Linebacker . . Hal Garner . . SR . . Utah State
Back . . Kenny Taylor . . SR . . Oregon State
Back . . Ron Pitts . . SR . . UCLA
Back . . David Fulcher . . SO . . Arizona State
Back . . Jerome Taylor . . JR . . Southern Cal
Punter . . Randall Cunningham . . SR . . Nevada Las Vegas

to concentrate on his studies, and Billy Copeland (6-2, 210) and redshirt freshman Stacy Harvey (6-3, 222). Manning the secondary are brilliant sophomore safety man David Fulcher, who had 110 tackles and four interceptions in making the All-Pac 10 team as a freshman (he had Achilles problems in the spring), senior safety Dale Walton (6-1, 186), and capable corners Mario Montgomery (6-0, 166) and Bruce Hill (5-11, 163), with Vince Adams (6-2, 180) a good reserve.

The Sun Devil defense features Frank Randolph (#39), Greg Battle (#37), Ken Johnson (#92), Brian Noble (#47), Billy Robinson (#31), and David Fulcher (#7).

The down linemen have great promise. Sophomores Taleni Wright (6-3, 245) and Frank Rudolph (6-3, 241) may start ahead of senior Ken Johnson (6-4, 250) and junior Fred Gaddis (6-3, 251) at ends, with junior Danny Saleamua (6-0, 285) a formidable nose guard. "This group," says Rogers, "will be as good down the road as any we've ever had."

Spring practice went so well that Rogers cut it short by a week. Things will be more difficult this fall, but the results could please him just as much.

WASHINGTON

You can't argue with the track record. In Don James's last seven years in Seattle, his Huskies have won the Pac-10 title three times and finished second the other four. But for losses to Washington State in the final regular-season game the last two seasons, they'd be coming off four straight Rose Bowl appearances. There are some questions this season, but the Huskies don't play UCLA and Arizona State, so they should be right at the top of the league again.

James needs to rebuild both his offensive and defensive lines and find a quarterback to replace Steve Pelluer. So the emphasis probably will be much more on a running game that is minus Sterling Hinds but should be very good with seniors Jacque Robinson (1,399 career rushing yards) and Ron "Cookie" Jackson (1,037 career yards) at tailback, joined by veteran fullback Brenno DeFeo (6-0, 205),

who's switching positions. Senior Walt Hunt (6-3, 225) and sophomore Rick Fenney (6-3, 225) will be at fullback. Redshirt freshman Chris Chandler (6-3½, 210) may have the edge at quarterback but will have to beat out juniors Paul Sicuro (Pelluer's little-used backup), Hugh Millen, and Stefan Derrick. The receiving corps is virtually intact—and excellent. Leading catcher Mark Pattison (38 receptions for 400 yards) and All-America candidate Danny Greene (37 for 599), who's also an ace return man, are the wide receivers,

backed by the promising Lonzell Hill (5-10, 181), with senior Tony Wroten (20 grabs for 169 yards) at tight end.

Three starters—Ted Brose, Rick Mallory, and Lance Dodson—are gone from the offensive line, but center Dan Eernissee (6-3, 248) and tackle Dennis Maher (6-3, 262) are back. Both were honorable mention All-Pac 10. The other starters will be drawn from players who've been waiting their turn: tackles Rob Kuharski (6-4, 254), Enrico Sala (6-4½, 270), and Dennis Soldat (6-5½, 249) and guards Al Robertson (6-4½, 243), Doug Crow (6-3, 240), and Tim Burnham (6-5, 245).

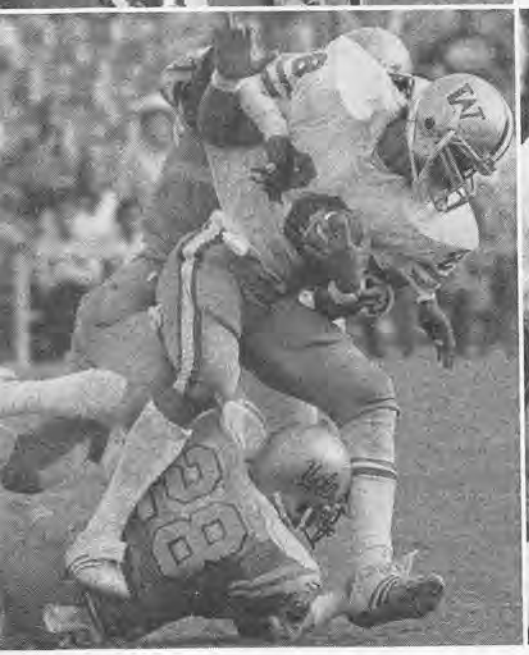
The defensive line will have lots of new faces, too, but one spectacular old one—6-4, 255-pound senior tackle Ron Holmes, who had 106 tackles, 13 sacks, and 21 tackles for losses. Only USC's Jack Del Rio is in his defensive class in the Pac-10. Tony Lewis (6-2½, 244) and Billy McGill (6-2, 237) should be up front with him, backed by big Steve Alvord (6-4, 257). There's both talent and some depth at linebacker. Joe Krakoski (155 tackles), Tim Meamber (101), and Joe Kelly (94) all started inside last year. Ron Hadley (6-1½, 235) has been moved outside to join three-year veteran Fred Small (91 tackles), senior Lacy Walker (6-3, 220), and sophomore Tony Domingue (6-5, 220).

The Huskies' inexperienced secondary gave up 2,064 passing yards (although it yielded only seven touchdowns, a conference low). Returning at the corners are Vestee Jackson (5-11½, 188), J.C. Pearson (5-11, 179), and, Michael Collins (5-11½, 188). Part-time starter Jim Rodgers (6-1, 190) should be at one safety, with redshirt sophomore Tim Peoples (6-1, 194) at the other.

Sophomore punter Thane Cleland averaged only 38 yards a kick, but just two of his 42 punts were returned. Soph place-kicker Jeff Jaeger was a freshman All-American after hitting 20 of 26 field goals, 27 of 28 PATs.

Because of their strong running game (192.5-yard average to lead the Pac 10 in 1983) and scoring defense (also tops in the conference), the Huskies may well be able to survive better than some of their rivals with a rookie quarterback. This looks like another top 10 team for Don James, and certainly a potential Pac 10 champion. Provided, that is, it can find some way to hurdle Washington State at season's end.

WR Danny Greene (#80), DT Ron Holmes (#90), TB Jacque Robinson, and LB Tim Meamber (#42) hope to lead Washington to the Rose Bowl.



UCLA

You wouldn't figure a team that began the season 0-3-1 would go on to win its second straight conference championship and smash Illinois in the Rose Bowl, but that's exactly what Terry Donahue's Bruins did in 1983. Given the personnel Donahue will be working with this season and the schedule (seven home games), three titles in a row would be no surprise. There's some rebuilding to do, at tight end and running back on offense and at outside linebacker and in the secondary on defense. But there's also plenty of talent and potential everywhere.

Senior Steve Bono, who threw for a school-record 399 yards against Brigham Young before being lost with a shoulder separation, should be a worthy replacement for Rick Neuheisel at quarterback, and will work with an immensely gifted and very deep corps of receivers, headed by junior Mike Sherrard (48 catches, 709 yards), senior Mike Young (19.8 yards a catch), and junior Karl Dorrell (26 receptions, 6 TDs). But leading rushers Kevin Nelson (909 yards) and Frank Cephous (524 yards) are gone. Donahue hopes to balance the attack with more production from senior Danny Andrews (482 yards) at tailback and senior Bryan Wiley, who finished the season in the starting lineup, at fullback. Sophomores Greg Francois (5-10, 195) and Marcus Greenwood (5-11, 207) will support them.

There's concern at tight end, where second-team All-America Paul Bergmann and Harper Howell graduated. Converted fullback Derek Tennell (6-4½, 225), sophomore Greg Bolin (6-2, 230), and redshirt freshman Joe Pickert (6-4, 218) are the leading contenders. The rest of the line is excellent. Bona fide All-America candidate Duval Love (6-3, 273) will be at one tackle, with sophomore Onno Zwaneveld (6-5, 261) likely at the other; junior Jim McCullough (6-5, 267), another honors candidate, and either senior Mark Mannon (6-4, 250) or junior Mike Hartmeier (6-5, 266) at guards, and senior Dave Baran (6-5, 267) at center. All but Zwaneveld played extensively last year.

The Donahue defense returns six starters and several other experienced players, topped by All-Pac 10 outside linebacker Neal Dellocono (6-1, 222), who had 86 tackles, and cornerback Ron Pitts (87 tackles). But there are some very big shoes to fill here with the departure of safety Don Rogers and cornerback Lupe Sanchez. The line looks good, with

LB Neal Dellocono (#39), DB Ron Pitts (#47), OT Duval Love, and TB Danny Andrews (#24) helped UCLA to a 45-9 Rose Bowl victory.

senior Chris Block (6-4, 256) at nose guard, senior David Randle (6-3½, 237) and junior Mark Walen (6-5, 245) at tackles, backed by sophomore Frank Batchkoff (6-4½, 238). Senior veteran Lee Knowles (6-1, 223), who had 81 tackles, and either junior Steve Jarecki (6-2, 225) or junior Tommy Taylor (6-0½, 238) should start at inside linebacker, with Dellocono and sophomore Tony Phillips (6-0, 210) outside, aided by converted back Ron Butler (6-2, 229). Senior Herb Welch (5-11, 175) is likely to work opposite Pitts at a corner, with junior Joe Gasser (5-10½, 180), an 11-game starter, and perhaps sophomore Sean Armstrong (5-11½, 190) at safeties, although redshirt freshman James Washington (6-1, 185) has the talent to break in.

The kicking game is as good overall as any in the Pac 10, with junior John Lee, who has hit 31 of 39 field goals and 75 of 76 PATs in two seasons, as the placement man; senior Kevin Buenafe (42.1-yard average) as the punter, and senior Ken Potter on kickoffs.

SOUTHERN CAL

Ted Tollner's scalp remains in place after a first season flop (4-6-1) as Trojan coach, and he's talking tough. "I was as disappointed as everyone else about last fall," he says, "but we're coming back with a vengeance." Since USC is now eligible for bowl games again, he may be right, particularly if he can get more consistent play out of his offense, led by senior quarterback Sean Salisbury, who didn't perform as well as his numbers might indicate (142 completions for 1,882 yards and 57.3 percent completions). Salisbury figures to be better, but if he isn't, Tollner has senior lefty Tim Green or frosh redshirt Kevin McLean.

Michael Harper, Todd Spencer, and Fred Crutcher combined for a very respectable 1,577 yards at tailback. Only Crutcher (528 yards) is back, but he looks stronger, and redshirts Zeph Lee and Vaughn Simmons are behind him, along with Ryan Knight, the top prep running back in the nation (2,620 yards) last season. Fullback looks very solid, with junior Kennedy Pola, sophomore Todd Steele, and redshirts David Carter and Dave Geroux. All three leading receivers, split end Hank Norman (31 catches), speedy flanker Timmie Ware (23 catches), and 6-6 tight-end-in-motion Joe Cormier return, with senior Mark Boyer (6-4, 235) likely to replace Fred Cornwell at tight end.

The line loses All-America center Tony Slaton, but has plenty of talent in returning starters Ken Ruettgers (6-5, 260) and James FitzPatrick (6-8, 270) at tackle and Tom Hallock (6-6, 260) and Jeff Bregel (6-4, 270) at guard. Joining that whopping foursome should be junior Tom Cox (6-5, 260), redshirt freshman Mike Knutson (6-5, 255), or JC All-America Andy Baroncelli (6-3, 265) at center. There's also no problem with the kickers: punter Troy Richardson (41.6-yard average) and senior place-kicker Steve Jordan, who already owns school records for most field goals (34) and is 87 of 89 in extra points, are back.

Defensively, outside linebacker Jack Del Rio, a 6-4, 235-pound senior, may well be the best player in the conference. "The most aggressive, intense player I've ever been around," Tollner says. Del Rio is minus his linebacking mate of last season, Keith Browner, but Duane Bickett (6-5, 235), who played three positions, should settle in nicely opposite him. Keith Biggers (6-2, 210) is set at one inside linebacking spot, with senior Neil Hope (6-2, 225) and junior John Berry (6-2, 206) the leading candidates to replace team MVP Jeff Brown (152 tackles) at the other. Junior Tony Colorito (6-5, 250) is probable at nose guard, with junior Matt Koart (6-6, 245) and senior Brian Luft (6-6, 265) or senior Dave Purling (6-5, 235) at the tackles. Hard-hitting senior Tommy Haynes (67 tackles) and Duaine Jackson (5-11, 190) or Darrel Hopper (6-1, 188) should be at cornerbacks, with acrobatic junior Jerome Tyler 6-2, 190) and soph Tim McDonald (6-3½, 203) at safeties.

Undoubtedly, this will be a better team than it was last year, and it plays seven of its 11 games at home—or close. But Tollner's tough talk remains to be translated into tough play. For now, at least, the Trojans have to be a question mark.

WASHINGTON STATE

Jim Walden isn't going to surprise anyone again. His program after six years now is too solid and too good for that. The question is whether the Cougars are ready to move into the top echelon of the conference, not just pull the occasional upset and knock Washington out of the Rose Bowl. Walden thinks this may be the year, but the guess here is that another near miss is more likely because of questions on defense.

Offensively, the only real concern for the Cougars, who finished 7-4 and won their last five games, is whether junior quarterback Mark Rypien, who started briefly in '83 before breaking a collarbone, can be as productive and as durable as the departed Ricky Turner. He has plenty to work with, led by 1,000-yard rusher Kerry Porter, who's only a junior. The top six wide receivers are back, including John Marshall, John Breland, Kitrick Taylor, and Sam Burris, and Vince Leighton (6-3, 223) again is at tight end. Rueben Mayes (6-1, 190), injured the last half of '83, and Don LaBomme (6-1, 220) will offer Porter good running support.

The offensive line got a big boost when guard Dan Lynch (6-4, 252) was granted an extra year of eligibility. Either of two seniors,

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QB Sean Sailsbury (#7), LB Jack Del Rio, and DT Duane Bickett (#80) of the Southern Cal Trojans

Mike Palumbo (6-2, 270) or Kirk Samuelson (6-4, 242), should work opposite him, with returnees Pili Tutuvanu (6-3, 255) or Curt Ladines (6-3, 244) at center. Juniors Peter Emsky (6-4, 253) and Mike Shuster (6-5, 266) are likely to step in for the graduated tackles Charlie Flager and John Winslow. The punting and place-kicking are well taken care of, with juniors Glenn Harper (42-yard average) and John Traut (73 points, to lead the team).

The big defensive losses are in the line, where Keith Millard, Eric Williams, and Pat Lynch all are missing. Walden thinks junior Erik Howard (6-3, 253) can be as good as first-round pro pick Millard at one tackle, and that senior Milford Hodge (6-3, 259) will do well for Lynch at nose guard. The other tackle spot was a major question mark in the spring. Redshirt Junior Tupuola (6-2, 210) is a budding star at outside linebacker, where Walden also can call on four other veterans—James Krakoski (6-2, 216), Brad Harrington (6-2, 214), Wade Killian (6-1, 194), and Titus Jackson (6-1, 215). Lee Blakeney, who has 361 tackles as a Cougar, is a brilliant if unheralded inside linebacker. Seniors Ben Carrillo (6-1, 226) and Rico Tipton (6-1, 219) have experience at the other inside spot. The secondary is minus Tracy Adkins and Joe Taylor, but returns three-year starter Jerald Waters (5-11, 187) at free safety and junior Cedrick Brown (5-10, 181) at cornerback. Steve Haub, out most of last season with an injured elbow, is healthy at strong safety. Erwin Chappel (5-11, 173), a backup last season, figures to be the other corner, and there is speed and talent among the reserves.

The Cougars don't play either Arizona State or Arizona, and having abandoned Spokane as a "home" site, get both USC and Washington in Pullman.

ARIZONA

Gone are eight players who were selected first- or second-team All-Pac-10, including two-time consensus All-America linebacker Ricky Hunley. But coach Larry Smith insists this won't be a rebuilding year. "We have quality players coming back on both sides of the ball," he says, "and the biggest senior class since I came here in 1980."

Well, O.K., but this was a team that sagged to 7-3-1 and fifth place in the conference after a booming 5-0-1 start, and it lost a lot of offense, headed by the league's No. 1 quarterback, Tom Tunnicliffe. Highly-regarded sophomore Alfred Jenkins (6-3, 205) may replace him. He'll work with wide receivers Jay Dobyns (50 catches for 694 yards), an All-America candidate, and Jon Horton (26 catches for 484 yards), a worthy replacement for Brad Anderson. But redshirt Charles Webb (6-1, 233) and letterman Courtney Griffin (5-9, 201) must prove they can fill Chris Brewer's shoes at fullback, and tailback Vance Johnson (476 yards) tailed off after breaking a hand.

Up front, there are massive holes at tackle, where Marsharne Graves and Byron Nelson operated. Transfer John DuBose (6-4, 282) should fill one spot nicely, with sophomore Brian Denton (6-6, 250) or senior Cedric Murphy (6-5, 257) possible at the other. The rest of the line looks set, with Nils Fox (6-4, 247) at center; ironman Charlie Dickey (6-2, 256), who played every snap, at one guard; David Conner (6-3, 250) taking over for Mike Freeman at the other; and both Mark Walczak (6-6, 242) and his backup, Hugh Verbalaitis (6-2, 220), returning at tight end. Place-kicker Max Zendejas is second-best in the Pac 10 (and maybe in the nation) only to brother Luis of Arizona State. He hit 20 of 25 field goals and all 39 PAT tries. But punter Craig Schiller is gone (Jenkins may replace him), and Smith needs help in the kick-return game since Troy Hunter is gone, too.

The defense looks more secure, even without Hunley, John Kaiser, Ivan Lesnik, and Randy Robbins. The line may be the Wildcats' strongest area, with three men who were honorable mention All-Pac 10: tackles David Wood (6-4, 251) and John Barthalt (6-4, 234) and nose guard Joe Drake (6-3, 286), although Barthalt is coming off knee surgery. Two-year veteran Steve Boadway (6-3, 230) will be at one outside linebacker, with Craig Vesling (6-2, 213), Cliff Thorpe (6-1, 209), and Brent Wood (5-10, 201) competing for Kaiser's spot. At inside backer, junior Lamonte Hunley (6-2, 231) has the same All-America potential as his brother, but who'll be opposite

Running back Kerry Porter (#30) and inside linebacker Lee Blakeney of the Washington State Cougars

Quarterback Mark Rypien leads the offense and linebacker Rico Tipton the "D" for Washington St.

him? Maybe sophomore Byron Evans (6-3, 212) or transfer Anthony Monsalve (6-2, 213). Juniors Greg Turner (5-11, 196) and Bryan Evans (6-2, 187) could be at cornerback, with Lynnden Brown (6-0, 201), Gordon Bunch (6-0, 172), Allan Durden (5-11, 170), and Don Be'Ans (6-1, 193), all sophomores, in the hunt at safety. Each played a lot in '83.

The Wildcats have seven home games, and they don't play either UCLA or Washington State. But they must meet USC and Washington on the road, back-to-back, in October. That's the key for a team that will miss all those stars more than Smith will admit.

STANFORD

If you want a Pac 10 dark horse, consider the Cardinal. Sure, the record was terrible last season (1-10 overall, 1-7 and dead last in the conference), but there is a highly-respected new coach, Jack Elway, late of San Jose State, and an interesting cast that should have some of the experience it lacked in 1983.

Elway almost certainly will do a good job tutoring sophomore quarterback John Paye, who did well enough as a freshman (150 of 297 passes for 1,971 yards and 10 TDs—much better than Elway's son, John, did in his rookie season on the Farm). Paye loses leading receiver Mike Tolliver but will be throwing to All-America candidate Emile Harry (44 catches for 829 yards) at one wide receiver, and has nearly all his top running backs in place, including sophomores Thomas Henley and Marshall Dillard; junior Kevin Scott, and seniors Shaun Avant and Kaulana Park.

Also returning is a mostly veteran offensive line, led by superb senior Jeff Deaton (6-3, 275) at tackle, senior Matt Moran (6-4, 255) at guard, and senior Brent Martin (6-4, 261) at center. They may be joined by senior guard Kevin Lamar (6-3, 264) and junior tackle John Barns (6-7, 270). Tight end is the most uncertain line position, with Dan Westerfield (6-3, 223), Greg Baty (6-5, 241), Sean Scheller (6-6, 230), and freshman Eric Snelson (6-4, 235) bidding to replace Jim Clymer. Redshirt Jeff James likely will step in for Tolliver at the receiver spot opposite the talented Harry, and there are two fine freshmen in Spencer Cotten and Ken Richardson. The place-kicker is a good one—Mark Harmon, who has hit 36 of 47 field goals and 79 of 82 extra-point attempts in three seasons with the Cardinal—but punter Tripp Hardin is gone. Sophomore Scott Phillippi is a possible replacement.

Elway will use a 3-4 defense, which means honors candidate Garin Veris (6-6, 250) will be back at outside linebacker, operating with either senior Tom Briehl (6-4, 230) or junior Mike Noble (6-3, 216). Inside will be fierce hitter Dave Wyman (6-3, 231) and returnee Matt Soderlund (6-3, 223). Senior Mike Wyman (6-6, 253), Dave's brother, will man one tackle position, with senior Pat Mitchel (6-6, 240) at the other and senior Terry Jackson (6-5, 255) at nose guard.

All-Pac 10 performer Vaughn Williams and starters Kevin Baird and Charles Hutchings are gone from the secondary. That leaves only cornerback Eric Price (5-9, 176). Sophomore Toi Cook (5-11, 175) is the favorite at the other corner, with sophomore Joe Cain (6-1, 217), a converted linebacker, and senior Jeff Arrillaga (6-1, 192), coming off a dislocated shoulder, ahead at the safety spots.

With Paye, Harry, and company, the Cardinal was more than competitive through the air last season, but mustered only 75 yards a game rushing to the opponents' 215. That's the first major imbalance Elway must address. He has the added maturity, at least, at running back to do so. The defense, with all those new people in the secondary, must play much better than the unit that gave up 293 points in '83, 134 more than the offense scored.

So, don't look for gargantuan strides forward this season. But things should be better. Elway has had just one losing year in eight as a college head coach.

CALIFORNIA

Quarterback Gale Gilbert is one of the best long passers in the nation, but this could be a long season for the Golden Bears, who are hurting for a running game and appear to have major deficiencies on defense, particularly at linebacker. If the promise of Joe Kapp's first coaching year in 1982 (7-4) is matched, it will be a major surprise.

Gilbert, who threw for 2,769 yards in helping the Bears become the eighth-best passing team in the country, lacks only mobility. He will again be firing to wide receivers Rance McDougald (46 catches for 797 yards and a 17.3-yard per-catch average), Orrin Ford, and Keith Cockett and fine sophomore tight end Don Noble (23 catches for 288 yards). But the rushing attack generated only 55.2 yards a game. Veterans Ron Story (435 yards),

Place-kicker Max Zendejas of Arizona and wide receiver Emile Harry (#10) and outside linebacker Garin Veris (#80) of Stanford

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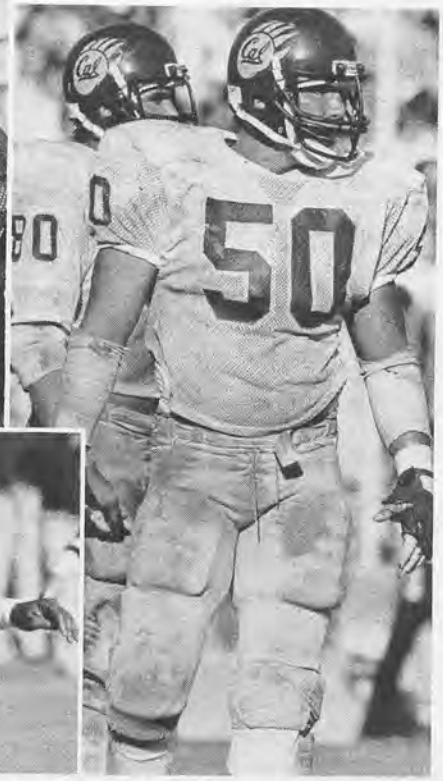
Dwight Garner, Scott Smith, and Mark Funderburk return, but newcomer Gayland Houston (5-11, 180, 4.4 speed) must blossom quickly if the offense is to have any real balance.

The line looks worthy, thanks to returning starters Mike Reed (6-2, 250) at center, Mark Long (6-1, 230) at guard, and Mark Stephens (6-5, 265) at tackle. Little-tested Joe Tupy (6-4, 240), Keith Kartz (6-4, 240), Ron Zenker (6-4, 260), and Roy Ambrose (6-3, 230) will bid for the other two spots.

It looks as if punter Tom Gandsey again will get a chance to show his unusual talent. He kicked 75 times for 3,013 yards and a 40.2-yard average last season, and put 20 balls inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Only 29 of his punts were returned. It's likely Gandsey also will inherit the place-kicking duties.

The defense was decimated. Eight of 11 starters are gone (from a unit that created 41 turnovers), including All-America linebacker Ron Rivera, linebacker Eddie Walsh, tackle Don James, and three backs. Kapp will build around senior nose guard John Haina (6-3, 235), who has Rivera's potential. He should be joined up front by Doug Riesenberg (6-7, 245), a highly promising sophomore, and senior Mike Rusinek (6-2, 240). Hardy Nickerson (6-2, 215) should do well at one inside linebacker, but the other spot is wide-open. Freshman Johnny Johnson (6-1, 220) could challenge Pat McDonald (6-3, 220), Kam King (6-3, 220), and redshirt Mel McClanahan (6-1, 215). The situation is also murky at outside linebacker, where junior Miles Turpin (6-4, 235) likely will play with either Keith Poe (6-1, 235) or Paul Mason (6-1, 195). Ray Noble (6-0, 170) is sound at one corner and JC All-America Ken Pettway (5-11, 180) may move right in at the other, with David Carter (6-2, 190) and Matt Grimes (6-2, 180) or Garey Williams (6-1, 190) at safeties.

Kapp should get some points from Gilbert and "Air Cal," but this looks like a one-armed team, and it has the misfortune of a schedule that includes all nine conference schools.



Quarterback Gale Gilbert, wide receiver Rance McDougald (#8), and nose guard John Haina of Cal

OREGON

If all the Ducks were as good as Lew Barnes, this would be a title-contending team. But they aren't. Barnes, a 5-10, 164-pound senior flanker, caught 30 passes for 625 yards, returned 25 punts for 323 yards (ninth-best in the nation), ran the ball 17 times for 85 yards, and scored a team-leading six touchdowns. Even so, the Ducks finished just 4-6-1 and tied for sixth in the Pac-10 at 3-3. They may have trouble doing that well this year, considering the quality people they have to replace.

Rich Brooks also desperately needs improvement overall in an offense that averaged only 283.7 yards and 13.8 points a game. Senior Mike Jorgenson, just a 41.4 percent passer, could be dislodged at quarterback by sophomore Chris Miller or transfer (from Tennessee) Tim Norton. Tailback Kevin McCall, the team's second-leading rusher (331 yards) and receiver (26 catches), returns, backed again by Alex Mack and Eugene King. Sophomore Kevin Willhite (6-0, 206), his potential still unfulfilled, or Todd Bland should take over for the departed Ladaria Johnson at fullback. Barnes leads a talented receiving group that also includes Kwante Hampton (17 catches), Scott Holman, Amil Hall, JC All-America Brian Richard, and redshirt Ken Nichols. The problem is whether anyone can get the ball to them consistently in '83. Squadman Matt McLeod and transfer Paul Fitzgerald, both sophomores, may be the new place-kicker and punter, respectively.

Oregon running back Eugene King and wide receiver Lew Barnes (#82)

The line lost its star, Gary Zimmerman, along with Scott Shepard and Ryan Zinke. Juniors Drew Smetana (6-7, 281) and Greg Schwab (6-7, 254), each coming off knee injuries, should be at the tackles, with Craig Kaylor (6-4, 250), who had a damaged shoulder in '83, and either Lino Vaccher (6-3, 258) or Brad Smith (6-4, 246) at guards and Ken Warner (6-5, 256) at center.

End Steve Baack and tackle Dan Ralph, both postseason all-stars, are gone from the defensive front. Junior John Byrne (6-4, 224) should be at one end, if a dislocated shoulder is healed, perhaps with Dale Dorning (6-6, 255). Sophomore Will Stipanovich (6-3, 241) may be at tackle with sophomore Dave Maley (6-3, 264), who came on well. There's good depth at linebacker in Jerry Mikels (6-3, 218), the Ducks' leading tackler, E.J. Duffy (6-2, 225), and Dan Devaney (6-3, 211) outside, and Bob Hudetz (6-2, 221) and Lerry Wilson (6-3, 233), who divided starting duties last season, in the middle. Senior Wendell Cason (6-0, 184) and sophomore Don Brown (5-10, 165), speedy starters most of the season at cornerback, return, but Danny McCalister will be missed. Senior Jeff Williams (6-2, 196) and junior Doug Judge (6-2, 215), hampered in the spring by injuries, could be the safeties, although junior Dan Wilken (6-1, 200) may oust one or the other, and junior Ron Johnson (5-10, 177) is a good backup.

OREGON STATE

Joe Avezzano saved his job after a 2-8-1 season (the Beavers are just 4-38-2 under his four-year guidance), and he says, "We have more experienced players and more depth than we have had since I've been here." It's probably still not enough, although the defense played well toward the end of '83 and the offense had some big-play moments.

New people are the key offensively. Avezzano hopes one of two transfers, Don Lema or Steve Steenwyk, is the passing quarterback he's looking for, and that redshirt Darvin Malone, a 196-pounder with speed, can replace

Wide receiver Reggie Bynum and defensive end Angelo Dilulo (#70) of the Oregon State Beavers

quality runner Bryce Oglesby (878 yards rushing). Malone should work with either Donald Beavers (6-1, 170) or James Terrell (6-0, 188) at tailback. There's no problem at wide receiver, with junior Reggie Bynum, who led the Pac-10 in touchdown catches (7) and average yards per catch (24.2); Robert Adams (5-11, 177), and Claude Dixon (6-0, 187). Mike Laverty (6-2½, 214) is a veteran tight end, although transfer Duane Stan (6-4, 235) may well challenge him.

The offensive line has both experience and talent, in tackles Dwayne Jackola (6-7, 290) and Tom Emmons (6-5, 256), guards Herb Wilson (6-5½, 280), coming off a knee injury, Rick Meggers (6-3½, 257), and Darrick Brilz (6-3, 273), and center Jack Lester (6-3, 242). There's room for improvement in all phases of the kicking game, from punter Chip Stempeck, place-kicker Marty Breen, and kickoff man Jim Nielsen.

Avezzano says his biggest concern on defense is "settling on the right people," but some of those people are going to have to replace linebackers James Murphy and Bob Johnson and safetyman Tony Fuller, the Beavers' top three tacklers. The line looks set with senior ends Angelo Dilulo (6-1, 255), an honors candidate, and Charles Naone (6-1½, 247) and nose guard John Gonzalez (6-2½, 236). Young linebackers Willie Stubblefield (6-1½, 208) and Ron Heller (6-3½, 233) should continue to improve, but there's some question who'll be in the starting lineup with them. Ellis Dozier, Andre Todd, Joe Smylie, Mike Sodaro, Chuck Kershner, Jeff Schneider, and Jason White are among the candidates. There is no such numbers game in the secondary, which should be solid with Kenny Taylor (6-1, 180), returning for his fourth year as a starter at cornerback, and Reggie DuPee (6-2½, 188), an excellent free safety, joined by Jonathon Harrington (5-10, 177) at one corner and junior Osia Lewis (5-11, 215) or senior Bernie Wilson (6-0, 194) at safety.

If Avezzano gets the kind of quarterback play he wants from Lema (1,633 yards passing last season), Steenwyk (1,669 yards passing), returnee Ladd McKittrick (1,106 yards but only 38.7 percent), or possible returnee Ricky Greene, the Beavers could make a minor move up. But it looks as if the gains haven't done much more than offset the losses of people such as Oglesby, Murphy, and Fuller, and that the predominant color in Corvallis, for one more season, will be black.

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NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Randall Cunningham is an old-fashioned triple threat. He's not only an All-America punter (43.5-yard average in '83), he completed 59.8 percent of his passes for 2,545 yards and 18 TDs (with only eight interceptions) and ran for 387 yards. All of which should make him a dark horse for the Heisman Trophy and the Rebels a slight favorite for the PCAA title.

Cunningham loses receivers Reggie Farmer (bad knee) and Dwayne Johnson, but will work again with big-play man Michael McDade (46 catches for 526 yards), Tony Gladney, and Ray Taylor, a part-time starter in 1982. Runners Kirk Jones (471 yards), Chris Green (hurt early last season), and Tony Lewis return. There's muscle up front, too, in returning starters Tyrone Gray (6-2, 250) and Paul Godbey (6-5, 260) at tackles, Kyle Bryan (6-2, 250) and Doug Eisher (6-3, 235) at guards, and Ron Drake (6-2, 245) at center. Reggie LaFrance (6-2, 235) and David Brown (6-3½, 218) will vie at tight end. Joey DiGiovanna is a serviceable place-kicker.

Coach Harvey Hyde's most pressing problems are again on defense, where four leading players—linebackers Kirk Dodge and Ken Rose, nose tackle Damir Dupin, and safety Al Ligon—must be replaced. The building block is All-America candidate Aaron Moog (6-4, 258) at one tackle. He has size, speed, and strength. He's superbly aided by senior Carlos Lovato (6-2, 275), who will switch from tackle to the nose position. Mike Contreras (6-3, 245) and Tony Gunn (6-4, 255) will bid for the other spot up front. Tom Polley (6-2½, 231) should be a fine inside linebacker, but the spot opposite him is wide-open. Two juniors, Gentry Walsh (6-2, 217) and newcomer Daryl Knox (6-4, 220) should work outside. Renard Young (5-10, 175), Teddy Nelson (5-11, 185), and Harvey Allen (6-3, 200) are in the secondary, perhaps with senior Dalton Reed (6-0, 178), who's also the team's leading kick returner.

FRESNO STATE

The Bulldogs, coming off a 6-5 season, should be right near the head of the PCAA pack if Jim Sweeney can blend in the right newcomers in both of his lines.

The passing offense, with Sweeney's son Kevin at the controls, was brilliant in 1983. Kevin threw for 2,359 yards, and wide receiver Larry Willis broke Henry Ellard's school record with 63 catches, good for 1,009 yards and six TDs. Back with them are deep threat Dave Williams (20 yards per catch) and veteran tight ends Joey Little (31 catches for 463 yards) and Craig Shugart. Sweeney needs a better running game for balance, and may get it with No. 3 and 4 rushers Lavale Thomas and Leevel Tatum, pushed by transfers Tyrone Henderson and Fred Williams. Five hefty JC recruits will vie for spots in the line, where Jerry Lockwood (6-4, 260) and Tom Neville (6-5, 285), both hurt last year, Vince Salazar (6-3, 245), Rich Henson (6-5, 250), and Mike Savage (6-4, 260) have first call. Mike Mancini (41-yard average) is a capable punter, but Craig Wiley must show he can replace place-kicker Rocky Costello.

Back from the league's third-best defense are second-team All-PCAA linebacker Cliff Hanneman (6-3, 220), linebackers Jack Gus-

Fresno State linebacker Cliff Hannemann and Nevada Las Vegas QB Randall Cunningham (#12)

beth (5-11, 215) and John Martin (6-2, 220), rover David Grayson (6-2, 205), and backs Curtis Allen (5-9, 185) and Dennis Mitchell (5-10, 175), both second-team All-PCAA selections, and John Dimalante (5-9, 175). Transfer Ron Cross (6-2, 200) was No. 1 in the spring at the other secondary spot. With big (6-2, 270) Willy Reyneveld out with an injury, the line could be a concern. Sweeney will look to several redshirts for help. They include Mike Hub-

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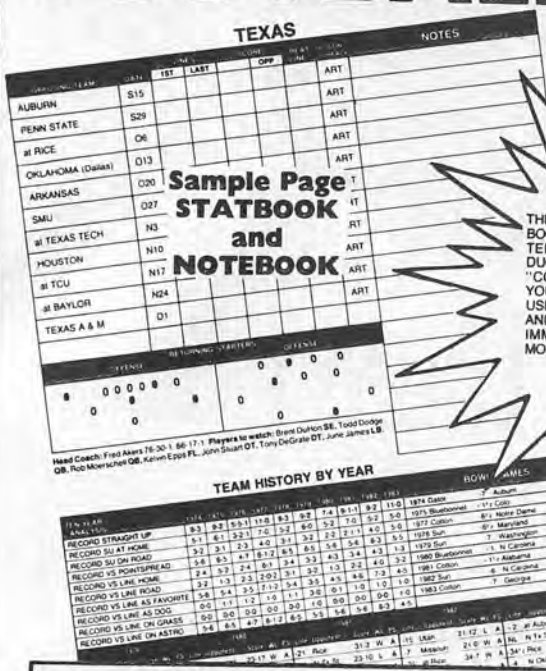

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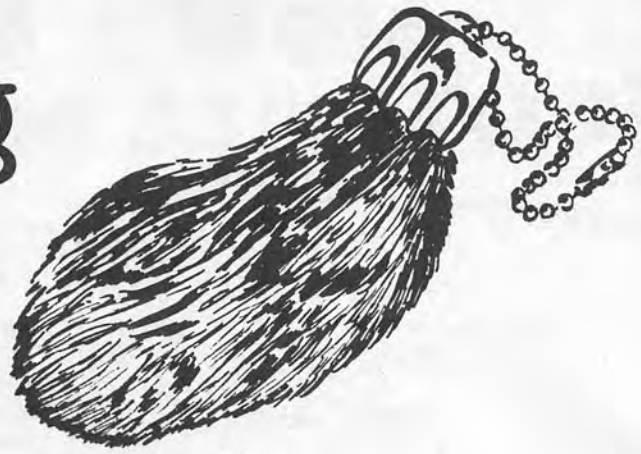

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Fullerton State QB Damon Allen

bard (6-5, 210), Phil Medlock (6-2, 245), and Victor Burnett (6-4, 240) at end, Greg Ramsey (6-3, 230) at tackle, and Mike Chuhlantseff (6-1, 255) and Troy Morgan (5-10, 220) at nose guard. Transfer Mike Walker (6-2, 250) figures at tackle. There's one other returning defender of note, inside linebacker James Lewis (6-1, 220), who was sidelined by injuries in '83.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Most people (including us) picked the Titans to finish last in the PCAA in 1983. They finished first, for the first time, with a 5-1 league mark. "I doubt if we will sneak up on anybody this year," says coach Gene Murphy. But he does have ten offensive and seven defensive starters to work with from a team that was 7-5 overall, losing its last three regular-season games and falling to Northern Illinois in the California Bowl.

The offense looks very good, with scrambler Damon Allen (1,297 yards passing, 388 rushing) at quarterback, Roy Lewis (438 yards) at tailback, two-year starter Todd Gerhart (5-11, 232) at fullback, Corn Redick, Wade Lockett, California Bowl MVP James Pruitt, and Allen Pitts at wide receivers; Daren Gilbert (6-6, 285), Hank Goebel (6-8, 258), and John Parke (6-7, 280) at tackles; and All-PCAA Larry Baker (6-4½, 265) and Darryl Titsworth (6-1, 280) at guards. Letterman Dave Martinez (6-4, 245) and transfer Jim Keller (6-1, 223) will bid to replace Bill Smith at center.

Defensively, Murphy has quite a bit more work to do, finding the right people to take over for middle guard Joe Aguilar, the PCAA's defensive Player of the Year, All-PCAA cornerback Lee Miller, and four-year letterman linebacker Terry Hubbard (18 tackles in the Cal Bowl). "The strength of our team last year was the ability of our defense to create turnovers and our offense to capitalize," Murphy says. Linebacker John Nevens (6-0, 223) was an All-PCAA pick and should work with Prentis Walker (6-1, 205). Jim Rowland (6-0, 255), who last played in 1980, is the top candidate to succeed Aguilar, with starters Andre Pinesett (6-2, 245) and Ron McLean (6-5, 232) at tackles and early '83 starters Eric Emery (6-2, 200) and Sean Foy (6-1, 210) and sophomore Mark Chisom (6-2, 205) at ends. Cornerback Mark Collins was among the nation's leaders in interceptions (seven), and regulars Duane Henson and Mark Pembrook are at safeties. Kickers Greg Steinke and Vince Gamache could improve.

UTAH STATE

Offensive inconsistency hurt the Aggies most in a 5-6 season, but Chris Pella has nine starters and 27 letterman back in his attack. If he can find the right quarterback, he could do much better in 1984. The candidates are early '83 starter Gym Kimball, '82 starter Doug Samuels, letterman Kevin Nitzel, and transfer Brad Ipsen.

Gone from the offense are quarterback Chico Canales and fine receiver-return man Fred Fernandes. But returning are running backs Marc White (672 yards rushing) and Andre Bynum (293 yards rushing and a team-leading 31 pass receptions) and flanker Paul

San Jose State DE Terry McDonald

Jones (22 catches), along with the entire starting line: tight end James Samuels (6-2, 230), tackles Mitch Kaiser (6-1, 270) and James Suitt (6-3, 275), guards Dave Kuresa (6-2, 300), a two-time All-PCAA pick, and Tony Roach (6-4, 265), and center Dana Johnson (6-2, 255). All the linemen but Johnson are seniors. Eight lettermen are available as backups. The place-kicker, Willie Beecher, has a good track record—48 of 48 PATs, 28 of 40 field goals—but untested Derek Davis will be replacing punter Russell Griffith (41.8-yard average), who quit the team.

The defense returns six starters, headed by senior outside linebacker Hal Garner (6-5, 223), an All-America candidate, and whopping senior tackle Mike Hamby (6-5, 264). Also back are outside linebacker Mike Robinson (6-3, 235), inside linebacker Jimmy Jenkins (6-0, 200), cornerback Ed Berry (5-11, 180), and safetyman Bill Beauford (6-3, 186). Gone are All-PCAA selections Greg Kragen at tackle and Patrick Allen at cornerback, along with Marvin Jackson at safety, but Pella can call on three '83 redshirts who have started in the secondary: Curtis McGeee (6-1, 190), Dale Ephriam (5-10, 185), and Mario Miller (5-9, 185). Mark Mraz (6-4, 240) and Wes Gross (6-7, 275) should be the other men up front for the Aggies, with Kelly Angell (6-3, 230) likely at inside linebacker.

SAN JOSE STATE

Claude Gilbert, who had great success in the 1970s at San Diego State, takes over from Jack Elway and is looking to rebound after a 5-6 season. But with only 12 starters back, this probably is a middle-of-the-pack team.

Gilbert needs stability at quarterback, where neither Jon Carlson (1,961 yards passing) nor Bob Frasco was adequate last year. Transfer Mike Hasskamp (6-2, 188) may well challenge them. The running game was decimated. Bobby Johnson (914 yards) and Dave Criswell are gone, and returning tailback Frank Robinson has been troubled by knee problems. But he probably will start along with senior Donnell Hawthorne (5-11, 204) or one of two transfers—Keith Tatum (6-2, 215) or Bobby Cobarruvias (5-10, 207)—at "H-back." Eric Richardson (54 receptions) is gone at one wide receiver, but Keith McDonald (50 catches for 536 yards) figures to have another big year. Redshirt Tony Smith or speedy reserve Desmond Chattleton may start with him, and John Murphy (6-3, 220) is likely to take over for Carl Sullivan at tight end.

The line should be good, with John Aimonetti (6-2, 261), Jim Accinelli (6-2, 224), David Diaz-Infante (6-2, 244)—switching from guard to center—Mark Baker (6-2, 224), and either Mike Barnard (6-5, 235) or Andy DeMarcus (6-4, 262). Big improvement is needed in the kicking game, where Philippe Rebboah has graduated. Newcomer Tony Brown is a top candidate.

The defensive (and team) leader is end Terry McDonald (6-1, 228), who had 83 tackles and 13 sacks. And Armahn Williams (6-0, 245) and Tom Marshall (6-0, 230) both return at nose guard. But there is inexperience elsewhere up front. Vyn Goodman (6-1, 221) has some playing time at one inside linebacker; Tony Sanchez-Corea (5-11, 230) or redshirt Jim Hollinger (5-11, 204) may be at the other. The secondary, burned by long passes in '83, is green, although K.C. Clark (5-9, 176) should be O.K. at one corner, and Frank Witherspoon (6-1, 196) fine at safety.

LONG BEACH STATE

There are holes galore to fill for new head coach Mike Sheppard, the former offensive coordinator at Kansas who is taking over for Dave Currey. The 49ers were 8-4 in 1983 but return only two starters on offense and just three on defense.

The biggest loss for the passing-minded Sheppard is record-setting quarterback Todd Dillon, although redshirt Doug Gaynor (6-2, 213) has excellent tools. Back offensively are

Long Beach RB Mark Templeton

All-PCAA tackle Chuck Page (6-3, 279) and fullback Mark Templeton (844 all-purpose yards as a freshman), along with All-America candidate José Oceguera, the nation's fourth-ranked place-kicker in '83 (22 of 29 field goals) and fine punter Jeff Carter (41.5-yard average). Others who figure offensively are whopping tackles Joe Iosefa (6-3, 300) and John Swoboda (6-6, 290) and sophomore wide receiver Charles Lockett (6-0, 167). But running back Lenny Montgomery, receiver Billy Ervin, and linemen Lloyd Taylor, Gary Ficacci, Johnny Lee, and John Puzar will be badly missed among 17 departed seniors.

Marc Bevilacqua (5-11, 223), who had 80

Pacific quarterback Paul Berner

tackles, will be in the middle of a strong linebacking unit, with John Hendy (6-0, 190) a pro prospect at one cornerback spot and Bill Brown (5-8, 183) a returning starter at the other. Transfer Tony Jackson (6-0, 239) is expected to offer immediate help in the line, which also has back reserves Nate Phillips (6-6, 245), Tom Hensley (6-6, 230), Don Hiti (6-2, 250), and Ed Lisi (6-2, 235). Kevin Junior (6-1, 220) and redshirts Kevin Moore (5-9, 207) and Eric Chatman (6-0, 225) are prominently in the picture at linebacker, with Brent Beechem (6-0, 180) a possible standout at safety, where David Plett, Lane McCarthy, and transfer Bobby Ellis also are competing. But all these newcomers face a brutal schedule that includes three Pacific 10 opponents.

PACIFIC

The Tigers scored a couple of upsets (at Oregon and San Jose State) in 1983, but they lacked consistency, and second-year head coach Bob Cope needs improvement if he's to better the 3-9 record. Help is needed in particular for a defense that again was much too permissive, giving up 4,444 net yards and 347 points.

There is skill and depth at linebacker in junior Nick Holt (6-1, 210), vets Sheldon MacKenzie (6-1, 205) and Richard Lee (6-3, 225), redshirt Henry Gonzales (6-3, 215) and transfer Andy Franks (6-3, 240). But defensive ends Thomas Cowling and Michael Greer must be replaced and the interior line is a question mark. Juniors Joe Taylor (6-2, 210) and Kevin Thompson (6-1, 195) may take over at ends, with returnees Dan Barnes (6-4, 225), Jim Bannowsky (6-4, 230), and Seamus

Northridge State RB Mike Kane

Meagher (6-4, 225) vying inside with transfers Tim O'Keefe (6-2, 240) and Curtis Galloway (5-11, 190). The secondary is unset, too, but senior Kevin Greene (6-1, 185), back after an arm injury, will help greatly. He should work with Michael Young (5-11, 165), Andre Stockton (5-8, 185), and Darrell Divinity (6-0, 180) or with one of three transfers.

Offensively, Cope must replace Kirby Warren, the school's all-time single-season rushing leader (1,423 net yards) and star receiver Lionel Manuel, but will welcome back two excellent players off injuries: quarterback Paul Berner (knee) and tight end Tony Camp (severely pulled hamstring). They could make a major difference. Other top returnees are quarterback Mike Pitz, running back James Mackey, H-back Bill Wolsky (32 pass receptions) and wide receiver Ron Woods, along with three line starters: Steve Smith (6-8, 275), Floyd Layher (6-8, 265), and Greg Pacos (6-3, 235). Redshirt Marshall Lampson should handle the punting nicely, but a place-kicker is needed to take over for Scott Kinney.

NEW MEXICO STATE

Second-year head coach Fred Zechman is refreshingly realistic as the Aggies begin play in the PCAA. "I think we are probably a year or two away from really being competitive (in the new league)," Zechman, a former Ohio State aide, says. The highlight of a 5-6 season in 1983 was a 24-17 road upset of Iowa State, so this is not a team without talent. But the defense, particularly at linebacker, is soft.

All but one regular returns on offense, led by senior tailback Kim Locklin, who topped the Aggies in rushing (727 yards), receiving (31 catches for 279 yards), and all-purpose running (124 yards a game). Leading Zechman's multiple offense will be sophomore quarterback Pierre Cooper, if he's recovered from a midseason knee injury, with James Hebert (715 yards) and Ron Caldwell (448 yards) returning runners, Tony Curtis and Gary Bright back at wide receiver, and Don Milton (6-1, 222), Ken Rose (6-5, 246), Louis Garza (6-5, 300), Rick Clopton (6-3, 243), and Don Miller (6-2, 248) in the line. Jon Dickens (6-3, 220) replaces the departed Ron Amato at center.

Tackles Benny Dickens (6-4, 238) and Shawn Day (6-3, 227) and nose guard Ron Clopton (6-3, 238) again will man the defensive front, but all four starting linebackers are gone. Sophomore Bobby Kinder (5-11, 196) will move from strong safety to one inside spot and sophomore George Nedd (6-1, 195) may be at one outside position, but after that it's a guessing game. A replacement also is needed for Danny Knee at free safety, but corners, Dewrell Jackson (5-10, 175) and Calvin Henry (5-10, 170) and strong safety Reggie Simons (6-1, 189) return. The kicking game appears solid again, with experienced punter Willie Madrid (41.5-yard average) and placement man Andy Weiler (team-leading 57 points),.

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SANTA CLARA

Pat Malley's Broncos could be contenders for national NCAA Division II honors. Back off a 6-4 team that was WFC co-champion are ten offensive and nine defensive starters. All-America offensive tackle Gary Hoffman and linebacker Mike Rosselli will be tough to replace, but Malley has an exceptional receiving corps in Kevin Collins (32 catches for 919 yards), David Drummond, Todd Dal Porto, and tight end Brent Jones; a fine quarterback in Issac Vaughn, All-America center Alex Vlahos (6-1, 250), and key defenders such as linemen Rey Mendizabal (6-2, 250), Leon Worthy (6-2, 255), and Kevin Tanner (6-2, 240); linebacker Jim Cranston (6-2, 220), and two-time All-WFC safetyman Doug McCann (6-3, 190). Finding the right running backs and an improvement of the offensive line are the keys.

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

Tom Keele returns 16 starters, and if he can put together the right offensive line, the Matadors may well better their 6-4 record (2-1 and co-champions in the FWC). Conference Player of the Year Bryan Wagner (43.7-yard punting average, the national best in college division), is the big name, along with sophomore tailback Rick Kane (school-record 851 yards rushing), receiver Rick Carbonneau, defensive tackle Joe Barbosa (6-4, 240), and cornerback Jonathan Bradshaw. But Keele has to replace All-America offensive tackle Pat Hauser and two other two-year line starters: Gregg Durand and Rick Sargent.

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Offense is the question for Jim Sanderson's Mustangs, with running back Brian Gutierrez (1,150 yards), quarterback Tim Snodgrass, and the school's best-ever receiver, Jeff Smith, all departed. There's an All-America candidate at tight end in senior Damone Johnson (6-6, 230) and a good interior line, headed by senior center Brian Moore (6-3, 258). And place-kicker Tom Cortez did well as a freshman. The defense, which returns eight starters, looks more sure. The top names returning from a team that was 5-6 overall and 1-2 in the WFC are linebacker Gary Swanson (6-2, 225) and safety Keenan Stanley (5-9, 175).

PORTLAND STATE

The Vikings improved from 2-9 to 3-7, but Don Read has only four offensive and three defensive starters back. Junior Steve Lyle rushed for 674 yards. He will have help from star JC runners Fabian Williams and Terry Porter (127 yards a game). Also returning on offense are receivers Roger Daniels (37 catches) and Scott Lindsay (27) and tight end Kurt Smith. Defensively, the star is all-conference end Doug Mikolas (6-2, 255). Free safety Brian Fish (63 tackles) and Todd Bowman (6-1, 241), who is being shifted from tackle to middle linebacker, are other keys among 21 returning defensive lettermen.

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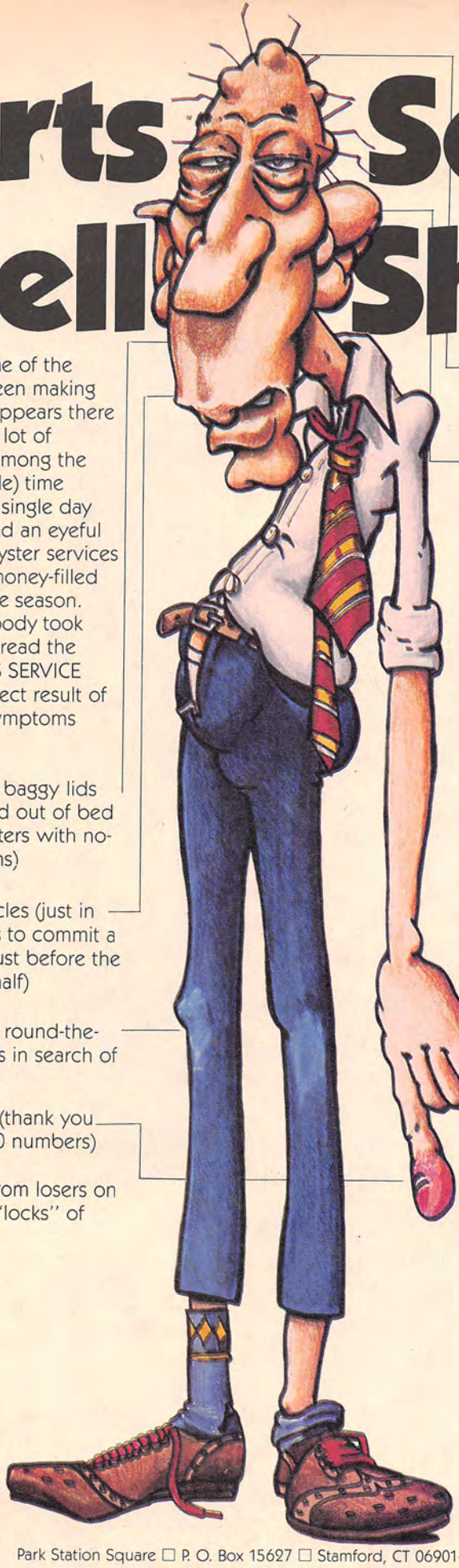

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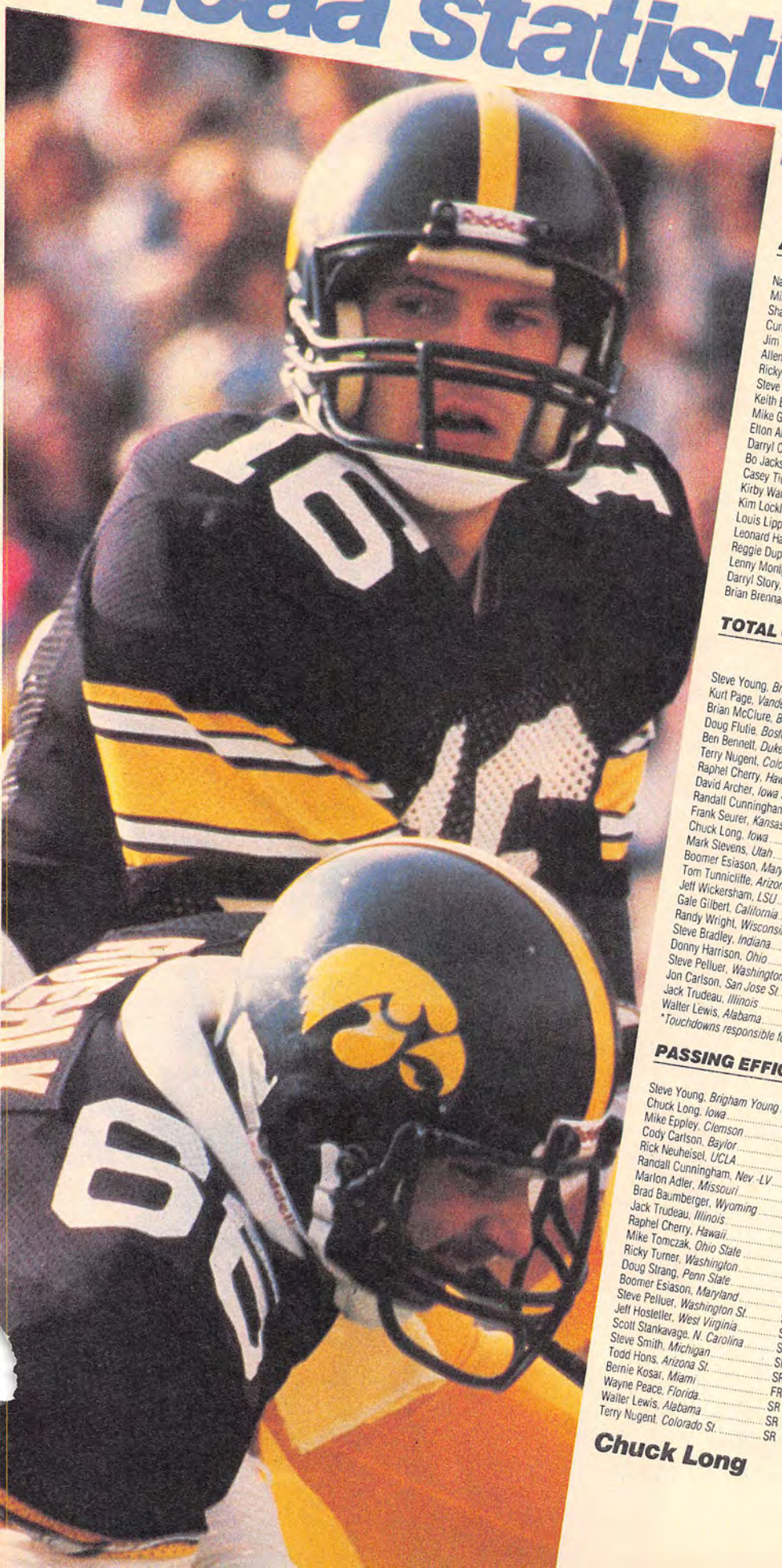

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	ydspg
Napoleon McCallum, *Navy*	JR	11	1587	166	272	360	2385	216.8
Mike Rozier, *Nebraska*	SR	12	2148	106	0	232	2486	207.2
Shawn Faulkner, *Western Mich.*	SR	11	1668	221	0	0	1889	171.7
Curtis Adams, *Central Mich.*	JR	11	1431	86	0	234	1751	159.2
Jim Sandusky, *San Diego St.*	SR	12	15	1171	381	340	1877	156.4
Allen Pinkett, *Notre Dame*	SO	11	1394	288	0	0	1682	152.9
Ricky Edwards, *Northwestern*	SR	11	561	570	0	523	1654	150.4
Steve Bartalo, *Colorado St.*	FR	10	1113	284	0	0	1397	139.7
Keith Byars, *Ohio State*	SO	11	1126	338	0	37	1501	136.5
Mike Grayson, *Duke*	SR	11	785	582	110	22	1499	136.3
Elton Akins, *Army*	JR	10	712	156	0	455	1323	132.3
Darryl Clack, *Arizona St.*	SO	10	932	299	0	92	1323	132.3
Bo Jackson, *Auburn*	SO	11	1213	73	0	163	1449	131.7
Casey Tiumalu, *Brigham Young*	SR	11	851	583	0	0	1434	130.4
Kirby Warren, *Pacific*	SR	12	1423	70	0	0	1493	124.4
Kim Locklin, *New Mexico St.*	JR	11	727	279	0	360	1366	124.2
Louis Lipps, *Southern Miss.*	SR	11	72	800	462	0	1334	121.3
Leonard Harris, *Texas Tech.*	SR	11	123	506	346	356	1331	121.0
Reggie Dupard, *SMU*	SO	11	1249	22	34	17	1322	120.2
Lenny Montgomery, *Long Beach*	SR	11	864	404	0	52	1320	120.0
Darryl Story, *Bowling Green*	SO	11	724	239	0	356	1319	119.9
Brian Brennan, *Boston Col.*	SR	11	28	1168	114	0	1310	119.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	rushing				passing		total offense				
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	ydspl	tdr*	ydspg
Steve Young, *Brigham Young*	102	623	179	444	429	3902	531	4346	8.2	41	395.1
Kurt Page, *Vanderbilt*	60	99	243	-144	493	3178	553	3034	5.5	16	275.8
Brian McClure, *Bowling Green*	72	59	314	-255	466	3264	538	3009	5.6	17	273.5
Doug Flutie, *Boston Col*	69	366	121	245	345	2724	414	2969	7.2	17	269.9
Ben Bennett, *Duke*	57	102	238	-136	469	3086	526	2950	5.6	17	268.2
Terry Nugent, *Colorado St.*	90	179	455	-276	433	3319	523	3043	5.8	17	253.6
Raphel Cherry, *Hawaii*	147	548	292	256	299	2478	446	2734	6.1	26	248.5
David Archer, *Iowa State*	110	363	304	59	403	2639	513	2698	5.3	21	245.3
Randall Cunningham, *Nev. LV*	106	387	254	133	316	2545	422	2678	6.3	21	243.5
Frank Seurer, *Kansas*	57	103	232	-129	353	2789	410	2660	6.5	15	241.8
Chuck Long, *Iowa*	85	225	255	30	236	2434	321	2404	7.5	19	240.4
Mark Stevens, *Utah*	147	752	218	534	268	1986	415	2520	6.1	22	229.1
Boomer Esiason, *Maryland*	47	128	160	-32	294	2322	341	2290	6.7	17	229.0
Tom Tunnicliffe, *Arizona*	45	91	101	-10	351	2474	396	2464	6.2	14	224.0
Jeff Wickersham, *LSU*	58	111	217	-106	337	2542	395	2436	6.2	14	221.5
Gale Gilbert, *California*	57	37	382	-345	365	2769	422	2424	5.7	13	220.4
Randy Wright, *Wisconsin*	60	219	130	89	323	2329	383	2418	6.3	25	219.8
Steve Bradley, *Indiana*	66	251	143	108	355	2298	421	2406	5.7	15	218.7
Donny Harrison, *Ohio*	171	418	339	79	357	2309	528	2388	4.5	14	217.1
Steve Pelluer, *Washington*	88	347	183	164	317	2212	405	2376	5.9	14	216.0
Jon Carlson, *San Jose St.*	46	94	125	-31	290	1961	336	1930	5.7	13	214.4
Jack Trudeau, *Illinois*	44	89	182	-93	324	2446	368	2353	6.4	19	213.9
Walter Lewis, *Alabama*	135	609	271	338	256	1991	391	2329	6.0	19	211.7

*Touchdowns responsible for are tds players scored or passed for

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	cl	g	att	cmp	cmp pct	int	int/pct	yds	yds/att	td	td pct	pts
Steve Young, *Brigham Young*	SR	11	429	306	71.33	10	2.33	3902	9.10	33	7.69	168.5
Chuck Long, *Iowa*	JR	10	236	144	61.02	8	3.39	2434	10.31	14	5.93	160.4
Mike Eppley, *Clemson*	JR	11	166	99	59.64	9	5.42	1410	8.49	13	7.83	146.0
Cody Carlson, *Baylor*	FR	11	180	98	54.44	7	3.89	1617	8.98	12	6.67	144.1
Rick Neuheisel, *UCLA*	SR	11	236	163	69.07	10	4.24	1947	8.25	9	3.81	142.5
Randall Cunningham, *Nev.-LV*	JR	11	316	189	59.81	8	2.53	2545	8.05	18	5.70	141.2
Marlon Adler, *Missouri*	JR	11	175	102	58.29	13	7.43	1603	9.16	11	6.29	141.1
Brad Baumberger, *Wyoming*	SR	12	189	112	59.26	7	3.70	1551	8.21	10	5.29	138.2
Jack Trudeau, *Illinois*	SO	11	324	203	62.65	13	4.01	2446	7.55	18	5.56	136.4
Raphel Cherry, *Hawaii*	JR	11	299	170	56.86	15	5.02	2478	8.29	18	6.02	136.3
Mike Tomczak, *Ohio State*	JR	10	205	116	56.59	12	5.85	1716	8.37	12	5.85	134.5
Ricky Turner, *Washington*	SR	10	172	100	58.14	5	2.91	1351	7.85	8	4.65	133.7
Doug Strang, *Penn State*	JR	12	259	134	51.74	7	2.70	1944	7.51	19	7.34	133.6
Boomer Esiason, *Maryland*	SR	10	294	163	55.44	8	2.72	2322	7.90	15	5.10	133.2
Steve Pelluer, *Washington St.*	SR	11	317	213	67.19	8	2.52	2212	6.98	11	3.47	132.2
Jeff Hosteller, *West Virginia*	SR	11	287	163	56.79	10	3.48	2257	7.86	14	4.88	132.0
Scott Stankavage, *N. Carolina*	SR	11	249	147	59.04	8	3.21	1721	6.91	16	6.43	131.9
Steve Smith, *Michigan*	SR	10	180	97	53.89	7	3.89	1295	7.19	13	7.22	130.4
Todd Hons, *Arizona St.*	SR	11	324	199	61.42	13	4.01	2394	7.39	14	4.32	129.7
Bernie Kosar, *Miami*	FR	11	327	201	61.47	13	3.98	2329	7.12	15	4.59	128.5
Wayne Peace, *Florida*	SR	11	292	186	63.70	10	3.42	2079	7.12	10	3.42	128.0
Walter Lewis, *Alabama*	SR	11	256	144	56.25	15	5.86	1991	7.78	14	5.47	127.9
Terry Nugent, *Colorado St.*	SR	12	433	275	63.51	20	4.62	3319	7.67	12	2.77	127.8

Chuck Long

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RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Mike Rozier, Nebraska	SR	12	275	2148	7.8	29	179.0
Shawn Faulkner, Western Mich.	SR	11	394	1668	4.2	7	151.6
Napoleon McCallum, Navy	JR	11	331	1587	4.8	10	144.3
Curtis Adams, Central Mich.	JR	11	267	1431	5.4	15	130.1
Allen Pinkett, Notre Dame	SO	11	252	1394	5.5	16	126.7
Kirby Warren, Pacific	SR	12	304	1423	4.7	12	118.6
Reggie Dupard, SMU	SO	11	197	1249	6.3	9	113.5
Johnnie Jones, Tennessee	JR	10	191	1116	5.8	5	111.6
Steve Bartalo, Colorado St.	FR	10	292	1113	3.8	8	111.3
Bo Jackson, Auburn	SO	11	158	1213	7.7	12	110.3
Darryl Richardson, No. Ill.	SO	11	236	1204	5.1	10	109.5
Michael Gunter, Tulsa	SR	11	226	1198	5.3	14	108.9
Alfred Anderson, Baylor	SR	10	226	1046	4.6	10	104.6
Greg Allen, Florida St.	JR	11	200	1134	5.7	13	103.1
Keith Byars, Ohio State	SO	11	207	1126	5.4	19	102.4
Eric Denson, Wichita St.	SO	10	163	1017	6.2	9	101.7
Ethan Horton, North Carolina	JR	11	200	1107	5.5	8	100.6
Joe McIntosh, N.C. State	JR	11	217	1081	5.0	5	98.3
Tyrone Anthony, No. Carolina	SR	11	184	1063	5.8	7	96.6
Donald Jordan, Houston	SR	11	191	1049	5.5	7	95.4
Spencer Tillman, Oklahoma	FR	11	188	1047	5.6	9	95.2
Darryl Clack, Arizona St.	SO	10	184	932	5.1	8	93.2
Shawn Jones, Oklahoma St.	JR	10	212	924	4.4	7	92.4

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	ptpg
Mike Rozier, Nebraska	SR	12	29	0	0	174	14.5
Keith Byars, Ohio State	SO	11	20	0	0	120	10.9
Luis Zendejas, Arizona St.	JR	11	0	28	28	112	10.2
Allen Pinkett, Notre Dame	SO	11	18	2	0	110	10.0
Max Zendejas, Arizona	SO	11	0	39	20	99	9.0
Bruce Kallmeyer, Kansas	SR	11	0	26	24	98	8.9
Curtis Adams, Central Mich.	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.7
Marty Louthan, Air Force	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.7
Paul Woodside, W. Virginia	JR	11	0	35	19	92	8.4
Bob Bergeron, Michigan	SR	9	0	30	15	75	8.3
Bob Paulling, Clemson	SR	11	0	36	18	90	8.2
Randy Pratt, California	SR	11	0	24	22	90	8.2
Bobby Raymond, Florida	JR	11	0	29	20	89	8.1
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	FR	11	0	27	20	87	7.9
Lee Johnson, Brigham Young	JR	11	0	52	11	85	7.7
Bo Jackson, Auburn	SO	11	14	0	0	84	7.6
Michael Gunter, Tulsa	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.6
Van Tiffin, Alabama	FR	11	0	40	14	82	7.5
Kevin Butler, Georgia	JR	11	0	28	18	82	7.5
Jose Oceguera, Long Beach St.	JR	12	0	23	22	89	7.4
Greg Allen, Florida St.	JR	11	13	2	0	80	7.3
Tom Nichol, Iowa	JR	11	0	44	12	80	7.3
Vince Scott, Northern Ill.	SR	11	0	29	17	80	7.3
Rocky Costello, Fresno St.	SR	11	0	26	18	80	7.3

RECEIVING

	cl	g	ct	yds	td	ctpg
Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt	JR	11	97	909	0	8.8
Ricky Edwards, Northwestern	SR	11	83	570	0	7.5
Tracy Henderson, Iowa State	SO	11	81	1051	8	7.4
Chuck Scott, Vanderbilt	JR	11	70	971	9	6.4
Mark Dowdell, Bowling Green	JR	11	70	679	5	6.4
Ed Washington, Ohio	SR	11	68	866	5	6.2
Brian Brennan, Boston Col.	SR	11	67	1168	8	6.1
Mike Leuck, Ball State	JR	11	67	667	4	6.1
Mike Grayson, Duke	SR	11	66	582	2	6.0
Dave Naumchelf, Ball State	SR	11	65	1065	6	5.9
Jason Jacobs, Iowa State	SR	11	64	584	3	5.8
Jim Sandusky, San Diego St.	SR	12	69	1171	6	5.7
Keli McGregor, Colorado St.	JR	12	69	717	2	5.7
Stan Hunter, Bowling Green	SO	11	63	1107	6	5.7
Larry Willis, Fresno St.	JR	11	63	1009	6	5.7
Mark Militello, Duke	SR	11	63	682	3	5.7
Gerald McNeil, Baylor	SR	11	62	1034	8	5.6
Casey Tiumalu, Brigham Young	SR	11	60	583	3	5.5
David Williams, Illinois	SO	11	59	870	6	5.4
Tim Brewster, Illinois	SR	11	59	628	2	5.4
Bob Johnson, Kansas	SR	11	58	1154	7	5.3
Mike Tolliver, Stanford	SR	11	58	656	3	5.3
Jeff Champine, Colorado St.	SR	12	63	1002	7	5.2

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fgpg
Luis Zendejas, Arizona St.	JR	11	37	28	.757	2.55
Bruce Kallmeyer, Kansas	SR	11	29	24	.828	2.18
Randy Pratt, California	SR	11	27	22	.815	2.00
Jose Oceguera, Long Beach	JR	12	29	22	.759	1.83
Bobby Raymond, Florida	JR	11	23	20	.870	1.82
Max Zendejas, Arizona	SO	11	25	20	.800	1.82
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	FR	11	26	20	.769	1.82
Paul Woodside, W. Virginia	JR	11	23	19	.826	1.73
Bob Bergeron, Michigan	SR	9	17	15	.882	1.67
Bob Paulling, Clemson	SR	11	20	18	.900	1.64
Rocky Costello, Fresno St.	SR	11	22	18	.818	1.64
Kevin Butler, Georgia	JR	11	23	18	.783	1.64
Larry Roach, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	26	18	.692	1.64
Alan Smith, Texas A&M	SR	11	26	18	.692	1.64
Vince Scott, Northern Ill.	JR	11	20	17	.850	1.55
Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee			26	17	.654	1.55

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	ipg
Martin Bayless, Bowling Green	SR	11	10	64	0	.91
Mark Brandon, Toledo	JR	11	9	66	1	.82
Jim Bowman, Central Mich.	JR	11	8	87	1	.73
Lee Miller, Fullerton St.	JR	10	7	233	2	.70
Russell Carter, SMU	SR	10	7	40	0	.70
Scott Case, Oklahoma	SR	12	8	110	1	.67
Phil Parker, Michigan St.	JR	11	7	203	1	.64
Ricky Hunley, Arizona	SR	11	7	123	2	.64
Sherman Cocroft, San Jose St.	SR	11	7	76	0	.64
Kevin Young, Ball State	JR	11	7	72	0	.64
Kirk Perry, Louisville	JR	11	7	69	0	.64
Mark Collins, Fullerton St.	SO	11	7	52	0	.64
Adam Hinds, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	7	37	0	.64
Clarence Baldwin, Maryland	SR	11	7	5	0	.64
John McRorie, N.C. State	JR	10	6	30	1	.60
Mike Stoops, Iowa	JR	11	6	154	0	.55

PUNT RETURNS

(Min 1.2 returns per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Jim Sandusky, S. Diego St.	SR	20	381	1	19.0
Tim Gordon, Tulsa	FR	11	171	1	15.5
Tim Moffett, Mississippi	JR	17	238	1	14.0
Jeff Smith, Nebraska	SR	19	264	1	13.9
Leonard Harris, Texas Tech	FR	26	346	1	13.3
Norman Jefferson, LSU	FR	18	238	1	13.2
Jerry Dunlap, S. Carolina	JR	27	354	0	13.1
Napoleon McCallum, Navy	JR	21	272	0	13.0
Lew Barnes, Oregon	SR	25	323	1	12.9
Ed Koban, Syracuse	FR	18	224	0	12.4
Derrick Shepard, Oklahoma	SR	18	215	0	11.9
Evan Cooper, Michigan	SR	29	338	0	11.7
Louis Lipps, Southern Miss.	JR	40	462	0	11.5
Ted Hollern, Central Mich.		32	365	1	11.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min 1.2 returns per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Henry Williams, E. Carolina	JR	19	591	2	31.1
Cory Collier, Georgia Tech	FR	12	360	0	30.0
Randall Morris, Tennessee	SR	15	447	0	29.8
Tim Golden, Long Beach St.	SR	15	424	1	28.3
Roy Lewis, Cal St. Fullerton	JR	25	690	0	27.6
Tony Mayes, Kentucky	FR	14	375	0	26.8
Eddie Harris, Toledo	SO	11	290	0	26.4
Malcolm Pittman, Virginia	JR	20	486	0	24.3
Reggie Sutton, Miami	FR	14	332	0	23.7
Terrell Smith, Ball State	JR	22	519	0	23.6
Ray Williams, Clemson	FR	21	494	0	23.5
Shaun Avant, Stanford	JR	14	326	0	23.3
Reggie Richardson, Utah	SO	16	370	0	23.1
Ronnie Grinton, Wake For.	FR	18	415	0	23.1

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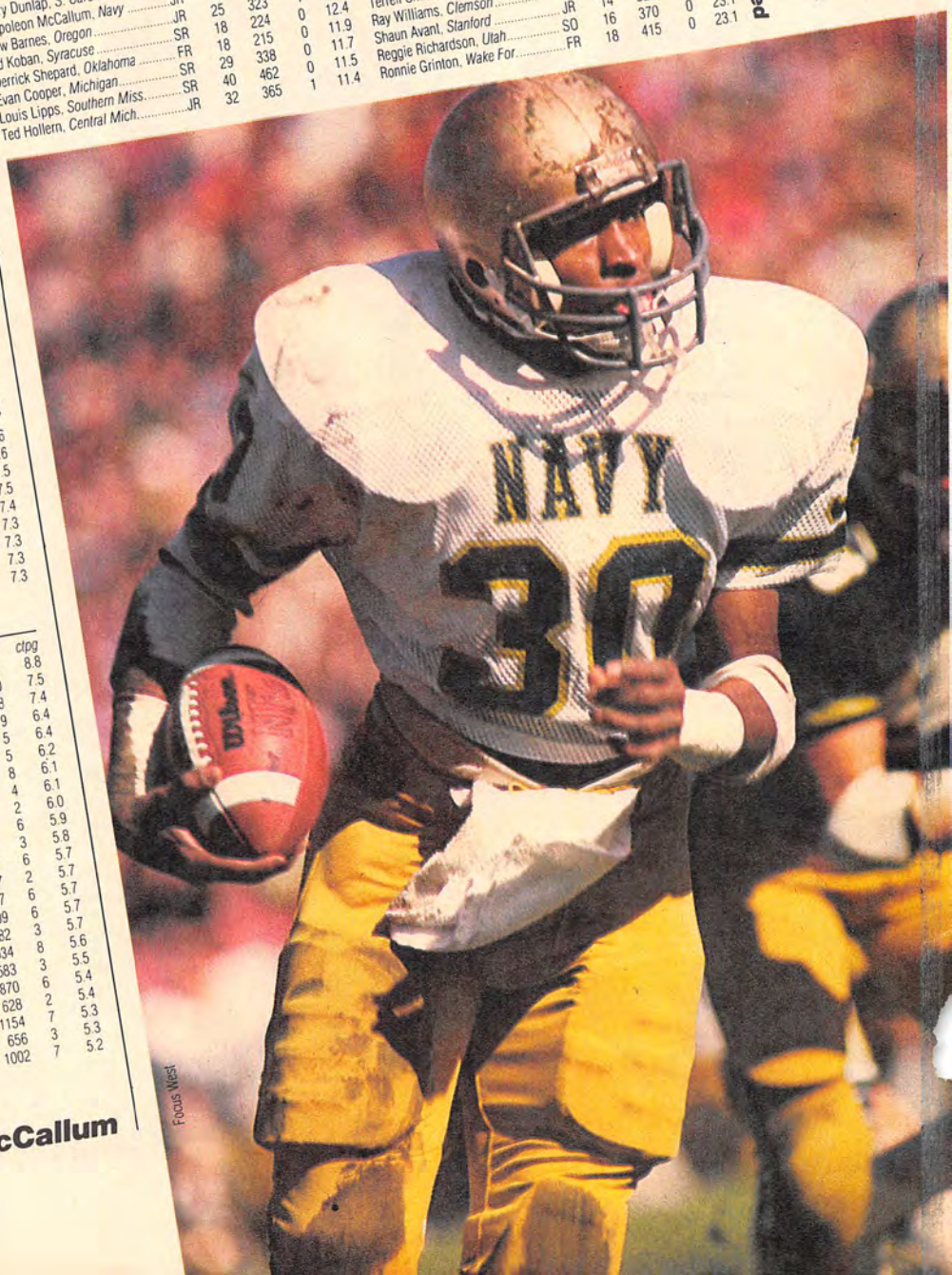

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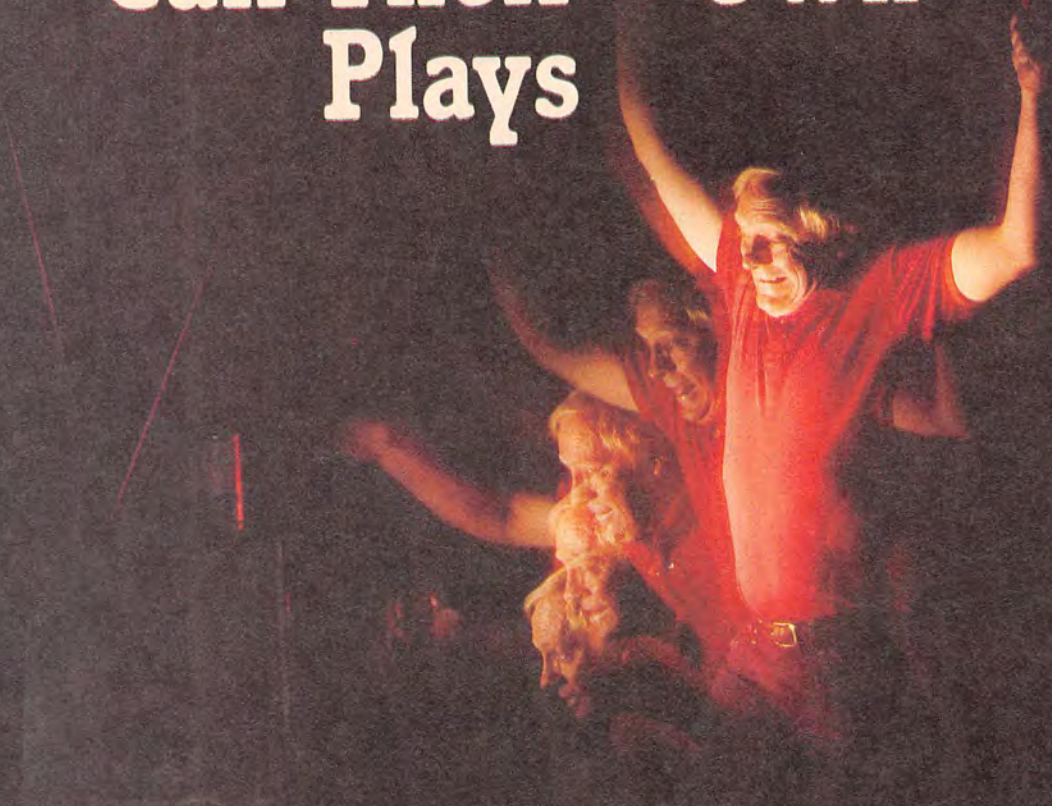

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DIVISION I-A SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and passing		
Rushing and passing plays	Donny Harrison, Ohio (Bowling Green, Nov. 12)	*79
Rushing and passing yards	Steve Young, Brigham Young (San Diego St. Oct 22)	497
Rushing plays	Shawn Faulkner, Western Michigan (Ball State, Oct 22)	47
Net rushing yards	Mike Rozier, Nebraska (Kansas, Nov. 12)	285
Passes completed	Steve Young, Brigham Young (Air Force, Sept. 24)	39
Passing yards	Steve Young Brigham Young (Air Force, Sept. 24)	486
Receiving and kick returns		
Passes caught	Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt (Georgia, Oct. 15)	17
Receiving yards	Al Toon, Wisconsin (Purdue,Nov. 12)	252
Punt return yards	Norman Jefferson, LSU (Mississippi, Oct 29)	169
Kickoff return yards	Roy Lewis, Cal State Fullerton (Utah, Nov 5)	224
Scoring		
Field goals made	Bobby Raymond, Florida (Florida State, Dec. 3)	16
Touchdowns and points	Alan Smith, Texas A&M (Arkansas St.Sept. 17)	16
	Marty Louthan, Air Force (Navy, Oct. 8)	5 & 30

TEAM

	team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing plays	Nebraska (UCLA, Sept. 24)	82
Net rushing yards	Nebraska (Minnesota, Sept. 17)	595
Rushing and passing yards	Iowa (Northwestern, Oct. 8)	790
Passing yards	Michigan State (Northwestern, Nov. 5)	575
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	Michigan State (Northwestern, Nov. 5)	55
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Ohio (Bowling Green, Nov. 12)	-48
Passes attempted	Brigham Young (Air Force, Sept. 24)	66
Passes completed	Nebraska (Minnesota Sept. 17)	39
Points scored		84

*All-time record. † Ties all-time record

DIVISION I-A TEAM LEADERS

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gain			turnovers lost			
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	margin/ game
Memphis St.	17	24	41	7	12	19	2.000
Toledo	14	23	37	7	9	16	1.909
Oklahoma St.	27	26	53	18	14	32	1.909
Long Beach St.	16	20	36	8	11	19	1.417
SMU	17	18	35	13	7	20	1.364
Cal St. Fullerton	13	23	36	17	4	21	1.364
Air Force	9	25	34	16	3	19	1.364
Clemson	19	19	38	13	11	24	1.273

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	ydspg
Ohio	11	221	112	7	50.7	1268	5.7	5	115.3
Texas	11	259	104	13	40.2	1278	4.9	5	116.2
SW Louisiana	10	205	93	11	45.4	1190	5.8	11	119.0
TCU	11	208	90	11	43.3	1362	6.5	11	123.8
Texas A&M	11	228	110	9	48.2	1402	6.1	10	127.5
Southern Miss	11	267	131	14	49.1	1481	5.5	7	134.6
Army	11	250	130	7	52.0	1566	6.3	12	142.4
Wake Forest	11	267	142	11	53.2	1580	5.9	7	143.6
Eastern Mich.	11	238	138	9	58.0	1603	6.7	10	145.7
Wisconsin	11	290	140	21	48.3	1656	5.7	13	150.5
Cincinnati	11	282	148	19	52.5	1663	5.9	10	151.2
Florida	11	296	156	19	52.7	1663	5.6	6	151.2
Kentucky	11	276	141	12	51.1	1669	6.0	5	151.7
Notre Dame	11	282	149	14	52.8	1681	6.0	10	152.8
Miami	11	355	176	15	49.6	1683	4.7	5	153.0
New Mexico St.	11	236	108	20	45.8	1687	7.1	15	153.4
SMU	11	295	135	18	45.8	1687	5.7	7	153.4
Boston Col.	11	283	131	21	46.3	1696	6.0	10	154.2
Arkansas	11	238	124	13	52.1	1706	7.2	7	155.1
Northern Ill.	11	303	163	21	53.8	1715	5.7	4	155.9

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KICKOFF RETURNS

	g	no	yds	td	avg
Tennessee	11	19	547	0	28.8
Kentucky	11	24	615	0	25.6
East Carolina	11	30	748	2	24.9
Oregon	11	24	596	0	24.8
Cal St. Fullerton	11	34	838	0	24.6
Memphis St.	11	29	702	2	24.2
Utah State	11	22	527	0	24.0
Navy	11	32	763	1	23.8
South Carolina	11	29	678	1	23.4
Southern Miss.	11	19	443	0	23.3

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	ydspg
Brigham Young	11	458	324	11	70.7	4193	9.2	37	381.2
Bowling Green	11	480	305	17	63.5	3320	6.9	16	301.8
Vanderbilt	11	519	296	31	57.0	3299	6.4	14	299.9
Kansas	11	407	216	24	53.1	3146	7.7	16	286.0
Duke	11	480	305	13	63.5	3132	6.5	17	284.7
Colorado St.	12	444	280	20	63.1	3373	7.6	12	281.1
Iowa	11	315	181	10	57.5	3072	9.8	20	279.3
California	11	416	234	22	56.2	3057	7.3	14	277.9
Boston Col.	11	385	198	18	51.4	2942	7.6	18	267.5
Stanford	11	420	210	24	50.0	2802	6.7	15	254.7
Illinois	11	362	228	14	63.0	2768	7.6	20	251.6
Indiana	11	424	218	19	51.4	2725	6.4	17	247.7
Iowa State	11	410	236	13	57.6	2717	6.6	19	247.0
San Jose St.	11	412	218	19	52.9	2682	6.5	15	243.8
Arizona	11	372	198	16	53.2	2681	7.2	12	243.7
Arizona St.	11	343	209	16	60.9	2648	7.7	17	240.7
Fresno St.	11	377	186	23	49.3	2648	7.0	17	240.7
San Diego St.	12	403	216	25	53.6	2835	7.0	14	236.2
Miami	11	359	220	16	61.3	2565	7.1	17	233.2
Cincinnati	11	384	213	18	55.5	2565	6.7	16	233.2

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Nebraska	12	724	4820	6.7	66	401.7
Air Force	11	650	3811	5.9	43	346.5
Auburn	11	600	3231	5.4	28	293.7
Virginia Tech	11	615	3069	5.0	27	279.0
Tulsa	11	598	3052	5.1	28	277.5
Central Mich.	11	591	3048	5.2	24	277.1
No. Carolina	11	600	3046	5.1	24	276.9
Michigan	12	614	3042	5.0	28	276.5
Oklahoma	12	667	3251	4.9	30	270.9
Wyoming	11	711	3239	4.6	33	269.9
SMU	11	584	2859	4.9	21	259.9
Clemson	11	588	2752	4.7	26	250.2
Wichita St.	11	576	2747	4.8	20	249.7
Alabama	11	561	2656	4.7	23	241.5
Houston	11	642	2646	4.1	20	240.5
East Carolina	11	583	2634	4.5	20	239.5
Notre Dame	11	532	2627	4.9	25	238.8
Utah	11	538	2568	4.8	27	233.5
Georgia	11	570	2528	4.4	22	229.8
Florida St.	11	518	2522	4.9	29	229.3
Ohio State	11	546	2522	4.6	33	229.3

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Virginia Tech	11	367	763	2.1	4	69.4
Illinois	11	422	1034	2.5	5	94.0
Michigan	11	360	1051	2.9	5	95.5
Texas	11	452	1054	2.3	5	95.8
Missouri	11	401	1075	2.7	6	97.7
Arizona	11	401	1081	2.7	8	98.3
West Virginia	11	401	1099	2.7	10	99.9
Oklahoma St.	11	437	1122	2.6	5	102.0
SMU	11	469	1130	2.4	4	102.7
Toledo	11	437	1142	2.6	10	103.8
Bowling Green	11	414	1151	2.8	15	104.6
Arizona St.	11	414	1155	2.8	9	105.0
Miami	11	415	1170	2.8	7	106.4
Oklahoma	12	507	1307	2.6	13	108.9
Ohio State	11	403	1223	3.0	6	111.2
Tennessee	11	433	1231	2.8	6	111.9
Central Mich.	11	446	1269	2.8	8	115.4
New Mexico	12	545	1397	2.6	15	116.4
Washington St.	11	415	1296	3.1	12	117.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td*	ydspg
Brigham Young	11	865	6426	7.4	65	584.2
Nebraska	12	916	6560	7.2	84	546.7
Iowa	11	807	5366	6.6	48	487.8
Air Force	11	776	5039	6.5	46	458.1
Boston Col.	11	832	4928	5.9	44	448.0
Florida St.	11	831	4889	5.9	47	444.5
No. Carolina	11	865	4860	5.6	41	441.8
Utah	11	830	4721	5.7	40	429.2
Notre Dame	11	799	4713	5.9	37	428.5
Alabama	11	823	4665	5.7	37	424.1
Illinois	11	831	4661	5.6	39	423.7
Ohio State	11	791	4643	5.9	48	422.1
Purdue	11	858	4577	5.3	33	416.1
Arizona St.	11	841	4569	5.4	31	415.4
Maryland	11	803	4559	5.7	34	414.5
Wyoming	12	931	4959	5.3	44	413.2
Wisconsin	11	790	4545	5.8	47	413.2
Virginia Tech	11	808	4534	5.6	38	412.2
Duke	11	881	4512	5.1	31	410.2
Baylor	11	823	4505	5.5	44	409.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	ydspg
Texas	11	711	2332	3.3	10	212.0
SMU	11	764	2817	3.7	11	256.1
Virginia Tech	11	751	2817	3.8	10	256.1
Miami	11	770	2853	3.7	12	259.4
Michigan	11	683	2937	4.3	17	267.0
Southern Miss.	11	768	2981	3.9	14	271.0
Oklahoma	12	847	3322	3.9	28	276.8
Pittsburgh	11	736	3067	4.2	14	278.8
Tennessee	11	756	3069	4.1	13	279.0
West Virginia	11	745	3105	4.2	18	282.3
Florida	11	703	3121	4.4	19	283.7
Missouri	11	734	3128	4.3	19	284.4
Central Mich.	11	770	3138	4.1	15	285.3
Notre Dame	11	736	3154	4.3	20	286.7
Northern Ill.	11	724	3205	4.4	18	291.4
Arizona St.	11	738	3240	4.4	24	294.5
No. Carolina	12	723	3254	4.5	21	295.8
New Mexico	11	823	3577	4.3	28	298.1
Arizona	11	757	3299	4.4	19	299.9
Washington St.	11	737	3328	4.5	26	302.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Nebraska	12	624	52.0
Brigham Young	11	484	44.0
Ohio State	11	382	34.7
Iowa	11	374	34.0
Wisconsin	11	359	32.6
Air Force	11	358	32.5
Florida St.	11	353	32.1
Arizona	11	353	32.1
Michigan	11	348	31.6
Alabama	11	338	30.7
Clemson	11	338	30.7
Illinois	11	338	30.7
No. Carolina	11	334	30.4
Boston Col.	11	333	30.3
Baylor	11	325	29.5
Arizona St.	12	320	29.1
Wyoming	11	331	27.6
West Virginia	11	302	27.5
Auburn	11	302	27.5
Virginia Tech	11	301	27.4

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Virginia Tech	11	91	8.3
Texas	11	104	9.5
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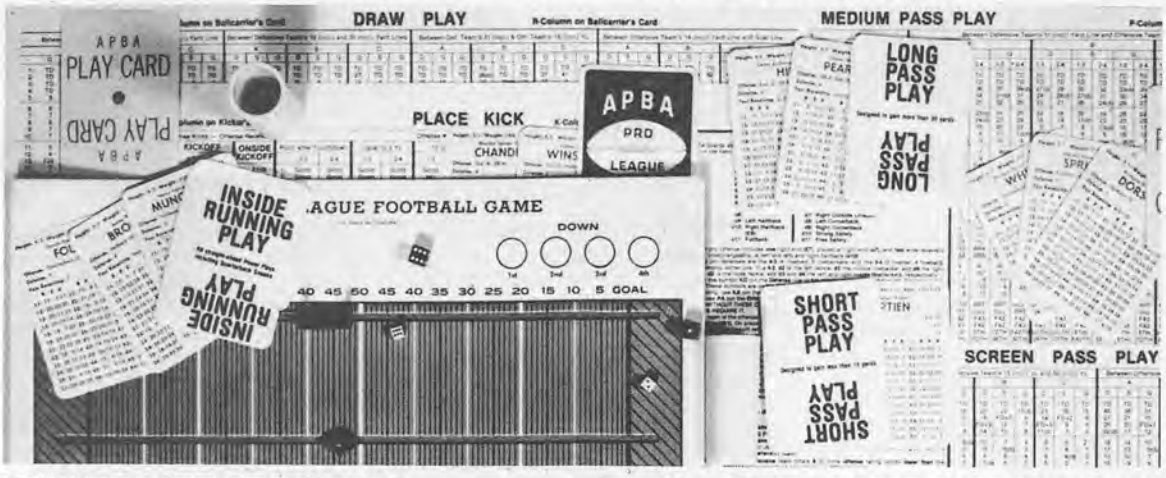

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There are two games of football being carried out in the Atlantic Coast Conference again.

On the one hand, it was decreed by the establishment that ACC football championships would not be consummated on the playing field, Clemson University having been declared persona non grata. Two years of NCAA probation will end November 21 for the Tigers, but the conference had added a penalty: no bowl game for the third year. And no Clemson scores were to be recorded in the conference.

On the other hand, the good fans and followers of the Tigers overlooked or simply for-

got the decree. Attendance broke two million in ACC home games for the first time in history, and Clemson played before sellouts everywhere. At home in Death Valley, the Tigers had 81,000 for the Maryland game which normally would have been for the conference championship. North Carolina established a Kenan Statium record of 53,689 when the Tigers played there last year. Virginia and N.C. State had single-game attendance highs. Maryland set a season mark. Nobody lost interest in playing the Tigers.

It was war, and it will carry over into 1984...even though the Clemson scores will be unofficial. And when the Tigers complete their campaign with in-state rival South Carolina, they will be in the nation's Top 10, yet minus a bowl again.

Seven schools will play for the ACC title, with Maryland's Terrapins predicted as the champions. Coach Bobby Ross continues his strong program which generates its own outstanding linemen despite the graduation of slightly more experienced regulars. The Terps had two linemen in the first round of the NFL draft, Ron Solt and Pete Koch, for the first time in Maryland records. They also will miss the sassy southpaw, Boomer Esiason, the first quarterback taken in the NFL draft. The Terps went through last season 5-0 in the conference (the loss, 52-27, to Clemson, remember, was pure fantasy). They captured the crown by beating North Carolina, which was then 7-0 and ranked No. 3 in the nation, and that was all the Ross forces needed. The dauntless defense knocked down a fourth-down pass late in the game, and Maryland beat the Tar Heels, 28-26.

Challenging the Terps this season will be several teams as the ACC levels off. There is more balance in the conference, although this could be an "off" year in ACC football. It had reached excellent heights in recent years, top 10 teams and consistent bowl winners. Clemson might be the only nationally ranked club. Unofficially, of course.

Despite a schedule that begins with Alabama and Clemson, coach Bill Curry's Georgia Tech team seems ready to challenge in the ACC. It will be there with coach Dick Crum's North Carolina Tar Heels, their most inexperienced squad in years and seeking a new quarterback. Also in the top challenging roles will be N.C. State, where coach Tom Reed keys his second season around running back Joe McIntosh, and Virginia, where George Welsh was honored as ACC coach of the year. With new quarterbacks and other rebuilding personnel, Wake Forest and Duke will have the label "underdog" patched to their shoulder pads.

When Clemson was handed its penalties, the football staff had its challenge. It took a positive approach, setting out to clobber every conference team. When it was concluded, coach Danny Ford put it bluntly: "We look upon ourselves as being ACC champs. If no ACC team beats us, how can they say we're not the ACC champs?" But The Tigers were not champs, and somebody will soon have to determine where to put the asterisk on Clemson's consecutive wins over conference teams. Maryland holds the record (21), but the Tigers are now 19 in a row and counting.

Mike Eppley is the senior quarterback, the kid who plays point guard for the Tiger basketball team. He's a winner: the football team is 14-1-1 with Mike as the starter. Coach Ford says he has the best group of young receivers in the country, and there's no question that the middle guard, William Perry, whom they call "Refrig" because he's as big as one, carries his weight on the defense. The Tigers have the country's best won-lost record over the past three years, 30-2-2 (ahead of SMU's 31-3-2).

Three of the nation's top independents are in the region, and they must assume an added challenge. They must set national goals, meaning the national rankings and postseason bowls, rather than conference titles.

East Carolina was ranked No. 20 in last year's final AP poll. But the Pirates, 8-3 (losses only to Florida State, 46-47; Florida, 17-24; and Miami, 7-12), spent the bowl period at home. Said a bitter coach Ed Emory: "We have a record better than 11 teams [which accepted bowl bids] and we're tied with eight others. We played seven games on the road, four with bowl teams. You can't find anywhere in the country a team 8-3 that played as [well] as we have, knowing we could have won all three of those [lost] games on the last play of the game. I've always told players that life's not fair, and that's what happened to us."

The NFL draft also made note of the Pirates. Texas had 17 players picked, Illinois nine, and East Carolina and Penn State eight each. East Carolina had a strong senior class, but the Pirates still have the talent. Among those to watch is Henry Williams (5-6, 180), who led the nation in kickoff returns (31.1) and averaged more than ten yards per punt return.

Maybe Virginia Tech, under the excellent guidance of Bill Dooley, is the best of the region's independents (9-2 last season). Its defense is centered around 6-4, 275-pound Bruce Smith, a speedy, agile blockbuster who could be the Outland Award recipient as the nation's best lineman. Even with his size, Smith had 31 tackles for losses of 223 yards, and 22 of them (No. 1 in the nation) were quarterback sacks. South Carolina came off an extremely tough schedule 5-6, but the Cocks were 3-2 after beating Southern Cal. Coach Joe Morrison's squad is experienced, and the attack is again led by Allen Mitchell.

One of the new horizons in college football is the NCAA's establishment of a strong, competitive, now highly visible Division I-AA. The Southern Conference, one of the five conferences whose champion automatically qualifies for the postseason playoff, has received maximum benefits from the affiliation, and it came from having Western Carolina in the na-

predictions

atlantic coast conference
*1. Maryland, 2. Georgia Tech, 3. North Carolina, 4. North Carolina State, 5. Virginia, 6. Wake Forest, 7. Duke, * Clemson.*
** Not eligible for conference championship*

independents
1. Virginia Tech, 2. East Carolina, 3. South Carolina, 4. Richmond, 5. James Madison, 6. Towson State, 7. Wofford, 8. Guilford

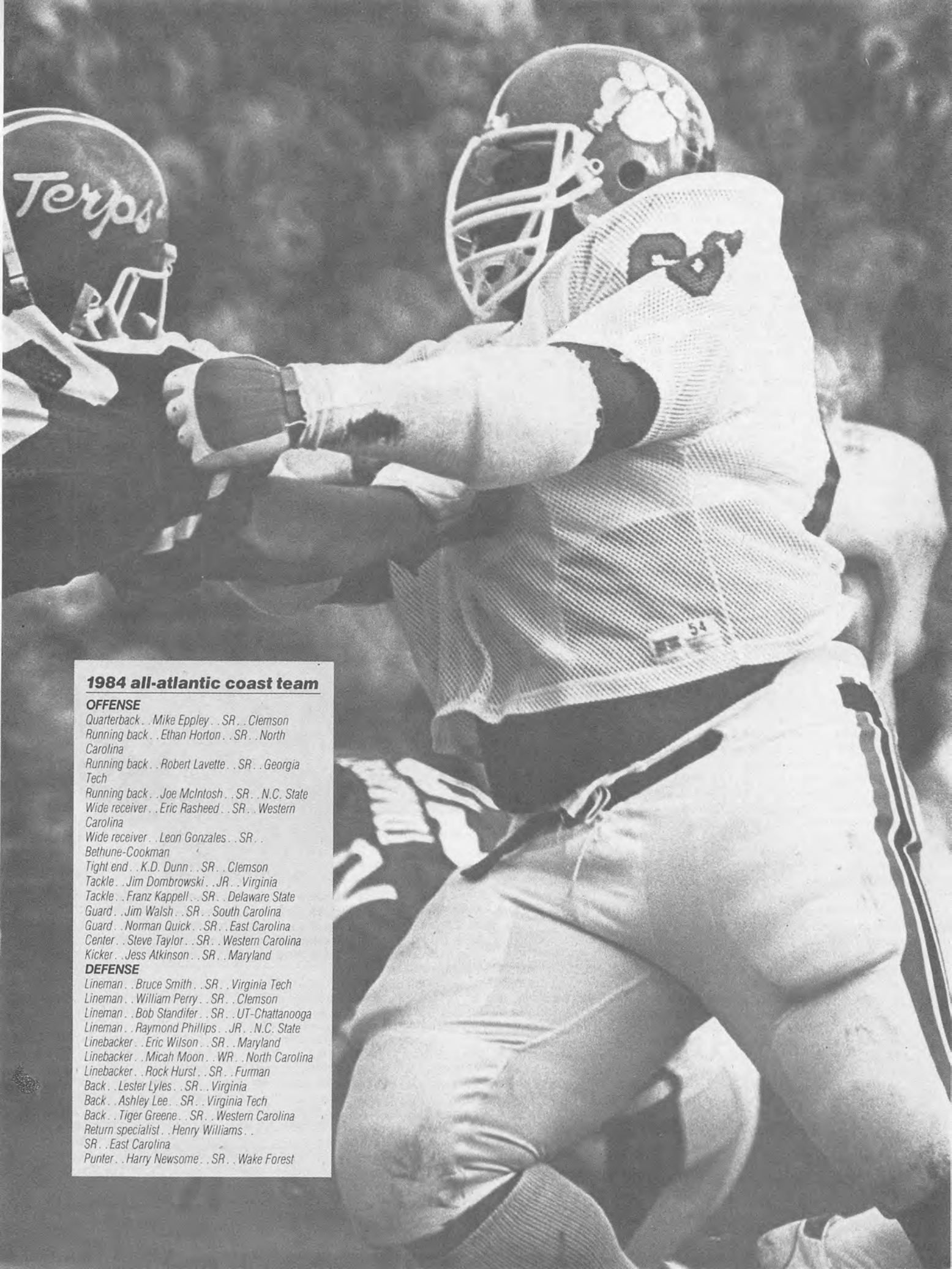
southern conference
1. Western Carolina, 2. East Tennessee, 3. Furman, 4. UT-Chattanooga, 5. Appalachian State, 6. Marshall, 7. The Citadel, 8. Virginia Military, 9. Davidson

mid-eastern athletic conference
1. South Carolina State, 2. Delaware State, 3. Bethune-Cookman, 4. Howard, 5. North Carolina A&T, 6. Morgan State

central intercollegiate aa
Northern Division: 1. Virginia Union, 2. Virginia State, 3. Hampton Institute, 4. Norfolk State, 5. St. Paul's, 6. Elizabeth City State
Southern Division: 1. North Carolina Central, 2. Winston-Salem State, 3. Livingstone, 4. Fayetteville State, 5. Johnson C. Smith, 6. Bowie State

south atlantic conference
1. Carson-Newman, 2. Newberry, 3. Presbyterian, 4. Elon, 5. Mars Hill, 6. Gardner-Webb, 7. Lenoir Ryhne, 8. Catawba

Clemson coach Danny Ford (left) and middle guard William Perry



1984 all-atlantic coast team

OFFENSE

Quarterback . . Mike Eppley . . SR . . Clemson
Running back . . Ethan Horton . . SR . . North Carolina
Running back . . Robert Lavette . . SR . . Georgia Tech
Running back . . Joe McIntosh . . SR . . N.C. State
Wide receiver . . Eric Rasheed . . SR . . Western Carolina
Wide receiver . . Leon Gonzales . . SR . . Bethune-Cookman
Tight end . . K.D. Dunn . . SR . . Clemson
Tackle . . Jim Dombrowski . . JR . . Virginia
Tackle . . Franz Kappell . . SR . . Delaware State
Guard . . Jim Walsh . . SR . . South Carolina
Guard . . Norman Quick . . SR . . East Carolina
Center . . Steve Taylor . . SR . . Western Carolina
Kicker . . Jess Atkinson . . SR . . Maryland

DEFENSE

Lineman . . Bruce Smith . . SR . . Virginia Tech
Lineman . . William Perry . . SR . . Clemson
Lineman . . Bob Standifer . . SR . . UT-Chattanooga
Lineman . . Raymond Phillips . . JR . . N.C. State
Linebacker . . Eric Wilson . . SR . . Maryland
Linebacker . . Micah Moon . . WR . . North Carolina
Linebacker . . Rock Hurst . . SR . . Furman
Back . . Lester Lyles . . SR . . Virginia
Back . . Ashley Lee . . SR . . Virginia Tech
Back . . Tiger Greene . . SR . . Western Carolina
Return specialist . . Henry Williams . . SR . . East Carolina
Punter . . Harry Newsome . . SR . . Wake Forest

tional championship game, which was played at The Citadel, in Charleston, S.C.

Western Carolina was not the SC champion, thus the conference had two teams in the playoffs (Furman was the title holder). They both got to the semifinals, where the Catamounts beat Furman. Coach Dick Sheridan has won the last four Southern titles, but his Paladins will have a difficult time this fall . . . despite having a linebacker named Rock Hurst and a middle guard named Eddie Bopp. Western Carolina should take the top honors this season, under Bob Waters, in his sixteenth season as coach. The Cats have an exciting passing combination: quarterback Jeff Gilbert, almost 3,000 yards in the season, and 5-foot-8 receiver Eric Rasheed, who caught 89 passes for 1,142 yards.

East Tennessee, where coach Buddy Sasser molds an experienced unit in his second season, is picked as the chief challenger, followed by Furman, UT-Chattanooga, and Appalachian State. The latter two have new coaches, Buddy Nix at UTC and Sparky Woods at Appalachian, Marshall also has a new head coach, Stan Parrish, from Purdue.

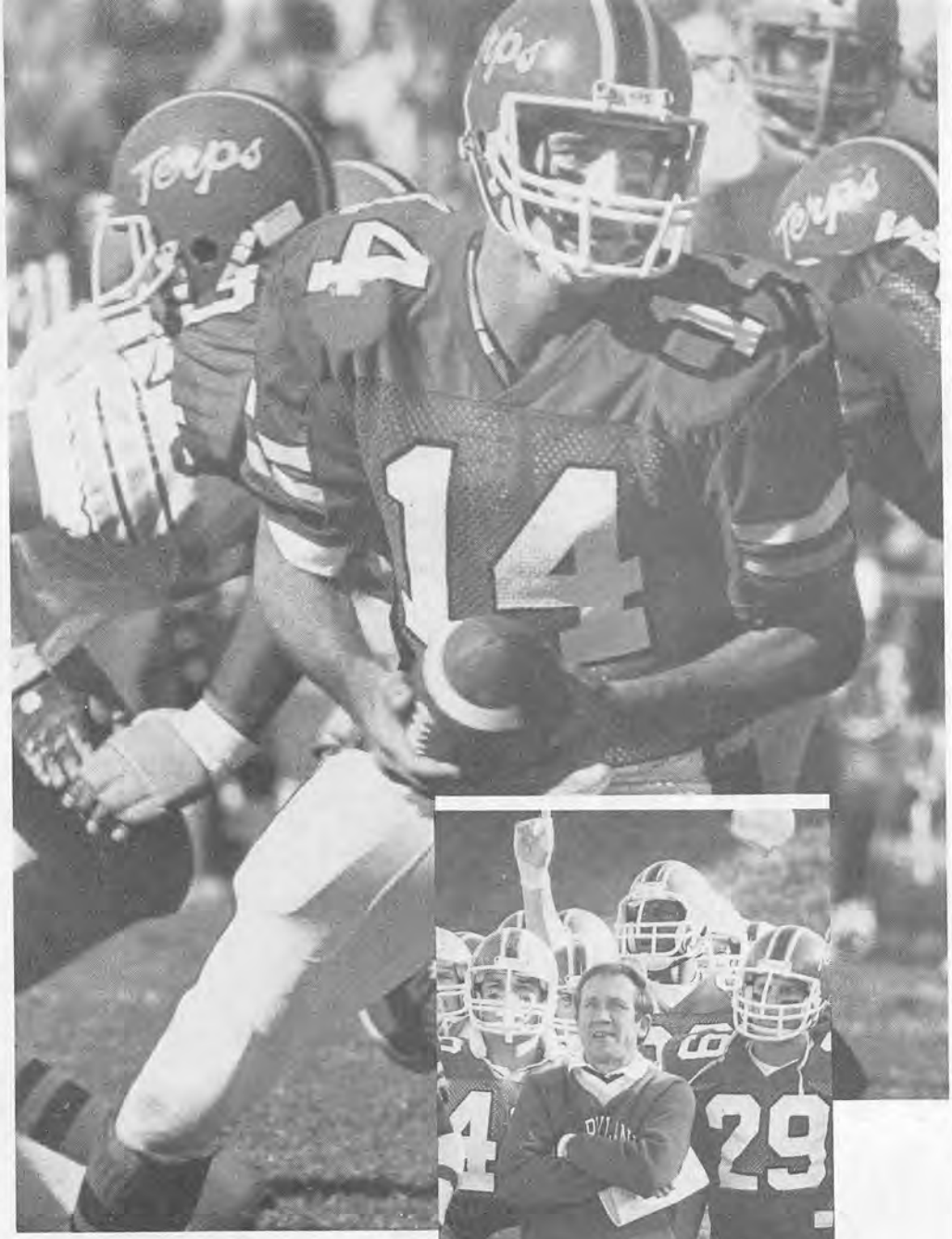
The Southern Conference had hoped for a three-school expansion into the state of Virginia, once the stronghold of the league. Warm invitations were extended to William & Mary, Richmond, and James Madison, forming a 12-school, two-division conference along travel practicalities. But W&M chose the Colonial League up East, and Richmond will join the Yankee Conference, effective in football in 1986. James Madison, in the turn of events, remains undecided and independent.

A year ago, it was the year of the quarterback in the Atlantic Coast region. Eppley is a solid performer, and Jeff Gilbert of Western Carolina a potential pro passer. But the running backs will be featured this fall. They include North Carolina's Ethan Horton, who rushed over 1,000 yards; N.C. State's Joe McIntosh, the NCAA's top returning career rusher; and Georgia Tech's Robert Lavette, the only collegian near the top of three categories in NCAA career stats (No. 3 rushing, No. 2 all-purpose running and scoring).

Willie Jeffries returns to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference after a five-year absence and discovers the football situation very much as it has always been: South Carolina State rules the roost. Ironically, Jeffries returns with a mandate to slay the monster he created. He built S.C. State into a national powerhouse, and now he takes command of the program at Howard University.

Bill Davis followed Jeffries at S.C. State and kept the Bulldogs rolling. Although S.C. State failed to win at least eight games for the first time in a decade last fall, the Bulldogs collected another MEAC crown—their ninth in ten years. Jeffries must bring his Howard program a long way before he challenges S.C. State, whose challengers for the league title will be Delaware State and Bethune-Cookman. Howard and North Carolina A&T will battle for fourth.

Another familiar face returns to the league in the form of Morgan State, a charter member of the conference which has been playing on the Division II level in recent years. The Bears play only two MEAC foes this year, but one is S.C. State. They'll find out what they've been missing. Morgan State replaces Florida A&M and gets the membership back to six, the number required for an automatic berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.



Coach Bobby Ross with defensive back Bob Gunderman (#29), quarterback Frank Reich, fullback Rick Badanjek (#40), and nose guard Tom Parker (#91) of Maryland

Look for the first-division teams to produce the all-star performers: offensive guard Johnoson Crutchfield and defensive back Myles Darling at S.C. State, offensive tackle Franz Kappel and tailback Gene Lake at Delaware State, and defensive back John Bostic at Bethune-Cookman.

With a lot of experienced personnel returning from a team that owns three straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles, Virginia Union will be shooting for four of a kind this fall. There will be one difference: a new hand will be on the throttle. Willard Bailey, who racked up a 106-32-4 record in 13 seasons at Virginia Union, resigned to take command of his alma mater, league rival Norfolk State. Joe Taylor is the new VU coach, who will welcome 16 returning starters.

The Panthers' top challengers in the CIAA's Northern Division figure to be Virginia State, which closed with a rush last season, and Hampton Institute, which hopes to find an offense to complement its terrific defense. Bailey's first Norfolk State club will not be a soft touch. St. Paul's, the league's surprise team in '83, will be a tough customer, too.

The Southern Division is more clearly defined into the contenders and the also-rans. North Carolina Central and defending division champ Winston-Salem State will struggle for the top. Any other team wearing the crown will be the longest of long shots.

By season's end, the CIAA should have a new career rushing leader (Livingstone's Jo Jo White) and a new name at the top of the passing and total offense lists (North Carolina

Central's Gerald Fraylon). Winston-Salem State's Danny Moore is only a junior, but he will be shooting for all-conference honors at center for the third time.

South Atlantic Conference members like to brag that theirs is the toughest league in NAIA football, and Carson-Newman's march to the 1983 national championship did nothing to spoil their argument. In winning the SAC-8 title, the Eagles needed a miracle victory over Newberry, 11-10, and captured two more conference victories by less than a touchdown. Oh, yes, they absorbed a three-touchdown lashing from league rival Presbyterian, too. Once in the playoffs, though, coach Ken Sparks's club enjoyed smooth sailing and brought home the conference's third national title in four years. Look for an instant replay this year.

Maybe there's not a national championship in the cards, but the usual top-to-bottom competitiveness will be there. Carson-Newman enters the season favored, with the South Carolina contingent, Newberry and Presbyterian, right behind. Elon will likely round out the first division. Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, and Lenoir-Rhyne will scramble for the next three spots, with Catawba destined for the cellar.

Heading the postseason honor rolls almost surely will be Carson-Newman linebacker Pat Apke, an All-America choice last season. Teammate Barry Mouser, a defensive tackle, Newberry running back John Nesbitt, and Presbyterian cornerback Charles Huff will be there, too.

atlantic coast conference

CLEMSON

(9-1-1, 0-0) Once again the Tigers will be ineligible for the ACC football crown, and once again, the Tigers will rank among the nation's best. Youthful Danny Ford, among the nation's top five winningest active coaches (six years: 45-11-2, .793), must replace the talented seniors from a class that won 36 games. Spring details concentrated on the defensive line, where three starters are missing, and the secondary, minus a couple of safeties.

A schedule switch, moving first-time opponent Appalachian State to September 1, provides an open date in front of Georgia and another break before the sixth game. If anything, the opening schedule is a bit lighter. Last year, Clemson lost to Boston College and was tied by Georgia, then captured eight straight, which it carries into this season. It had no bowl game then, it has no bowl game now, under NCAA and ACC probation.

There are 47 lettermen, including another strong senior class. There are some new faces on the defense, always a Tiger forte, and it will be there that Ford works hardest. A year ago there were no linebackers, and that solution came out almost perfectly. Outstanding were freshmen Henry Walls (6-2, 205) and Keith Williams (6-4, 220), despite injuries, and Eldridge Milton (6-3, 220), who filled in. All return, with seniors Chuckie Richardson and Kevin Gemas.

Only two line starters return, but they are good ones. Consensus All-America William Perry (6-3, 320) is the middle guard: strong, quick, bullish. He and William Devane split the time in the middle. Young Tigers will step in for Devane and the two tackles. Competing are Perry's little brother Michael (6-2, 265), sophomores Steve Berlin (6-5, 245) and Chuck Sanford, and redshirt freshmen Tony Stephens, John Jansen, and Jody Sease. Soph Terrence Mack (6-3, 200), moved from quarterback a year ago, starts again as the "bandit end," teaming with senior Jeff Wells (6-4, 230) and lettermen Craig Crawford and Ken Brown.

The secondary returns senior Ronald Watson, along with Reggie Pleasant and Tyrone Davis, who split a starting corner role. Challenging here are Mike Isaacs, Richard Donaldson, Kenny Danforth, and redshirt freshman Bo Holloman.

Clemson led the ACC in scoring (30.7 points per game), and nine offensive starters return. First, there's senior quarterback Mike Eppley (6-2, 195), who got permission to skip spring work (after a hard basketball season, too). Eppley moves the ground attack, but also led the ACC in passing efficiency (99 of 166 throws, 59.6 percent, 1,410 yds, 14 TDs, a school record on the latter). Senior Anthony Parete again provides experienced backup.

Since the Tiger game was 75.5 percent on the ground last fall, there have to be good runners. Scatback Stacey Driver (5-8, 175) averaged 5.3 yards for his 774 total, and he's backed up by soph Terrence Flagler, who had 202 yards in the first two games until a knee injury ended his season. Soph Kenny Flowers (6-0, 190) was moved to fullback, where his 557 yards were a major contribution, and he shares that with Rodney Quick.

The receivers are outstanding and young. Ray Williams as a freshman caught 19 passes for 342 yards, sharing a starting role with soph Terrence Roulhac (15 catches, 214 yards, 4 TDs). Flanker duties are shared by soph Sheldon Boyer and senior Richard Butler. And senior K.D. Dunn (6-3, 215), a good blocker, had five TDs in his 17 catches and gained All-ACC tight-end honors.

Only James Farr is gone from the offensive line. Senior Dale Swing (6-4, 240) is the center, backed by Jeff Lytton. Andy Cheatham (6-4, 250) and Steve Reese split the right-guard spot last fall, so one will move to Farr's position and be backed up by Wes Mann and four redshirted freshmen: Robbie Chapman, John Peterson, Jim Redding, and Neal Turlington. Senior tackles will be Reid Ingle (6-6, 260) and Jeff Cruce (6-7, 265), with Joe Ellis (6-4, 249).

The Tigers claimed the best specialty teams in the nation last fall. Senior Dale Hatcher returns to punt, where he ranked No. 7 in I-A and second in the conference with his 43.6-yard average. Through summer school the place-kicking situation was up in the air, but it's likely Donald Igwebuike will return.

MARYLAND

(8-4, 5-0) The Terrapin followers are still excited. Coach Bobby Ross's second season brought the ACC championship back to College Park, displaying a passing game from Boomer Esiason's arm that brought record attendance and renewed enthusiasm in the tough Washington-Baltimore area. Tough because of the major-league pro games. The Terrapins went to a bowl for the second straight December, and all the honors were well-deserved. It was a senior ball club, and two of the four All-ACC players, guard Ron Solt and defensive tackle Pete Koch, went in the NFL's first round phonathon.

But at Maryland a lot of people played in the title season, and when coach Ross got around to listing the starters lost and returning, he probably thought he was breaking the rules in numbers. They showed 16 offensive starters, 14 defensive, and the usual two kicking specialists. Deceiving, maybe, but it meant Maryland played (and started) a lot of different people. Holdovers are scattered over the two regular units among the 38 lettermen.

The offense got a lot of mileage: 414.5 yards (second-best in the conference). It leaned to the passing game, with Boomer around and with Ross staying with some of his NFL background, but the Terps could move on the ground. The biggest item on the fall agenda, of course, is naming the quarterback. Said Ross after spring drills: "Offensively, Frank Reich is the number one quarterback." That's senior Frank Reich (6-4, 206) who backed up Boomer, and did it well. He played (and beat) Pitt when Esiason was hurt, and he almost pulled the Florida Citrus Bowl out under similar circumstances. He hit 57.9 percent of 38 passing attempts.

On the ground the Terps have ball carriers and blockers. Junior Rick Badanjek (5-9, 215) returns at fullback, after two seasons where he got 56 points and nine TDs in each. Most of his scores came inside the five-yard line, where he is mean. Backing will be sophomore Stephon Scriber (6-3, 212). Moving up at tail-

back are inexperienced sophs Eric Blount and Tommy Neal. The passes will go to senior Greg Hill, 570 yards last year, now with a school-record 14 TD catches. Other starting receivers will be junior Eric Holder or redshirt freshman Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'oof, who will give TV announcers and typesetters a fit in the next four years.

Greg Harraka (6-2, 260) has moved from tackle to guard to replace Solt. He'll team with junior Len Lynch (6-3, 270), out last season on medical hardship. Jeff Holinka (6-3, 261) and Tony Edwards (6-6, 261) are tackles, with senior Kevin Glover (6-2, 258) again at center.

The defense was touched for some big losses especially by West Virginia, Auburn, and Clemson, but seven returnees started at one time or another. Soph Tom Parker (6-2, 252) starts at guard again in the wide-tackle six, teaming with senior Greg Thompson and soph Bruce Mesner (6-6, 262), moved from tackle. At tackle are junior Tom McHale (6-4, 240), with Dave Amend and Duane Dunham. The ends, or outside linebackers, are new in the starting role: Kevin Donas, O'Brien Austin, or Terry Burke on the left, senior Scott Schankweiler on the right. Strong, tireless Eric Wilson (6-2, 235) was All-ACC; his senior year will prove to be his best. He led the team in tackles (180), very near a school record. He pairs with Bobby DePaul, soph Chuck Paucette, or redshirt freshman Richard Petitbon (6-4, 230). Utilizing a nickel defense much of the time, the secondary has six players who will see a lot of action. A regular again is Joe Kraus, along with 1982 starter Gil Hoffman, Bob Gunderman, Al Covington, Oklahoma transfer Donald Brown, and soph Keeta Covington, moved from wide receiver.

Alan Sadler, the top pitcher for the baseball team, does the punting, and one of America's great place-kickers, senior Jess Atkinson, seeks to enlarge on his school career record 220 points, plus a PAT string of 79 straight.

Georgia Tech safety Mike Travis (#8) and tailback Robert Lavette

GEORGIA TECH

(3-8, 3-2) The Ramblin' Wreck did finish third in the conference standings, which was an achievement. But coach Bill Curry's Techmen had an 0-4 start on the season, Curry's fourth at his alma mater, which included a beating by Alabama and a shell-shocking by Furman.

Injuries kept the hospitals on alert for three months, cutting into the defensive personnel which allowed fewer than four touchdowns only thrice during the season. At the same time, the offense, also burdened by injuries, could not get more than three touchdowns until the eighth game. But this late-season attack was led by the huge tackles, then-freshman John Davis and sophomore John Ivemeyer. Tech lost to six bowl teams—plus Clemson, also of that caliber except for a few NCAA technicalities. Its 11 opponents had a 64-22-3 record (74.4 winning percentage), which included Duke's 3-8.

Talented youth gets Curry's call in his fifth Tech season. The defense figured in the bottom half of the conference a year ago. The offense hopes to retain one item in particular: one fumble in the final seven games, an amazing stat. Nine defensive starters and 51 lettermen are back. The front three return, with excellent support: junior ends Glenn Spencer (6-4, 258) and Ken Parker (6-5, 240), backed up by junior Mark Pike (6-5, 245) and sophomore Kyle Ambrose (6-3, 248). Sophomore Ivery Lee (6-0, 263) broke into the starting lineup for the final three games, and he will again battle senior veteran Donnie Chisholm (5-11, 244) for the nose-guard position. With good speed and quickness, Lee is a potential all-star.

Linebacking has veterans, plus depth. At the outside spots junior Pat Swilling (6-4, 232), beginning his third season as a starter, and senior Dante Jones (6-4, 223) return, backed up by a 1982 starter, Robert Jaracz, and a good athlete, Cleve Pounds, moved from tailback to the defense. Junior Ted Roof (6-1, 235) returns as an inside linebacker, and he will team with junior Jim Anderson, backed up by juco Kevin Henderson and junior Ralph Malone, moved from the outside position. In the secondary three regulars return: Reginald Rutland, Toby Lantz, and Mike Travis, who was bothered with a bum ankle last fall. Speedy sophomore Anthony Harrison tops a reserve unit which includes sophs Mike Rosamilia and Sam Lilly, and juniors Mark Hogan and Marvin Carolina.

Tech's offense is ready to roll, or fly. For the first time in three seasons, Curry and staff start their work with an experienced quarterback. John Dewberry (6-0, 194) got his sophomore call when Stu Rogers was injured. A strong runner, Dewberry added 790 yards passing, hitting 55.2 percent of 134 throws. But the strong arms of sophs Rick Strom (6-2, 196) and Darrell Gast (6-3, 210) appeared with the spring azaleas around Atlanta. Said Curry in midsummer: "Our quarterback situation is still very competitive."

Tech can run the ball with Robert Lavette, now a senior, ready for 11 games without any pains. Lavette (6-0, 195) rushed for 803 yards and five TDs in 186 carries; he was also the top receiver, with 21 catches, the short-yardage type. He is backed by ACC rookie of the year Cory Collier, who ran wild in the three games he had extended playing time. A new fullback, either fireplug senior Keith Glanton (5-8, 200) or bruising senior Chuck Easley (6-2, 235), joins the backfield. The air attack which had 16 different receivers last fall again looks to senior tight end Ken Whisenhunt (Tech's first five-year man) and to wide receivers Darryl Wise and Darrell Norton (5-9, 152). Tech claims the South's tight-end pair: Whisenhunt and superb blocker Gary Wilkins.

Two newcomers join the offensive line: either junior Andy Hearn or senior Greg Hillmeyer at center, junior John Thomas (6-4, 245) at guard alongside returning regular Tony Kepano (6-1, 255), a senior. The tackles are outstanding: soph John Davis (6-4, 282) and junior John Ivemeyer (6-5, 278). They're backed by redshirt frosh John Lawrence (6-8, 283) and Gerald Williams (6-4, 272).

Kicking will be an experiment. For placements there will be David Bell, up from the jayvees, and walk-on Nick Rumanes. For punting there's an incoming freshman from Cleveland, Ohio, Matt Figgie, on a baseball scholarship. He had a .587 batting average, but Curry honestly looked longer at his 45.2-yard punting average.

NORTH CAROLINA

(8-4, 4-2) There's a new word making the rounds of the tall pines around Chapel Hill: rebuilding. Coach Dick Crum, now into his seventh season, probably encountered the word his first year, but not since. And here is a Tar Heel squad that went 7-0 last season, ranked No. 3 in the country at the time, and then the bottom fell out: three losses. The Tar Heels missed a fourth-down pass at Maryland (26-28), were outplayed by Clemson (3-16), and outhustled at Virginia (14-17). Then they disappeared from the national rankings.

Only 28 lettermen return, one of the smaller numbers in major-college football. But to offset the minuses, there is a strong plus in the freshman class, which redshirted 26 young men of considerable talent. It is one of the most inexperienced teams, especially on defense and at quarterback, in recent Tar Heel years. The Tar Heels strengthened the nonconference schedule for September, meeting Navy, Boston College, and Kansas before getting into the league play, and that's Clemson on October 6. True, it doesn't count in

ACC standings, but it's still a "big" game.

Seldom, if ever, has their defensive unit come up with such a lack of experience. Four starters return, and that's from an outstanding unit which led the nation at one point in defensive stats and finished as the best in the ACC. Up front, only senior tackle Brian Johnston (6-3, 279) is a returning regular. He will team with junior Jeff Ray (6-3, 248), moved from tight end to help out soph Mike Johnson (6-4, 244), and redshirt freshmen Reuben Davis (6-2, 256) and Donnie Wallace (6-3, 260). Soph Dennis Barron (6-3, 260) moves up at nose guard, working with two other redshirt freshmen moved from linebacker: Carlton Bailey and Skeets Williams.

Micah Moon, a senior who led the club in solo tackles (Peach Bowl MVP), directs the linebackers. Others vying for work include juniors Carl Carr, Tim Rorrer, and Troy Simmons, and redshirt freshman Britt Rudolph. Among the outside linebackers only soph Ron Burton (6-1, 235) has ever played. Three freshmen will challenge: Daryl Parham (6-6, 240), Joel Freeze, and Noel McEachern. Seniors Larry James and Steve Hendrickson return in the secondary, backed by Walter Bailey, Tim Morrison, and Barry James.

There is more experience on the offensive side of the ball, except at quarterback. Sophomore Kevin Anthony (6-2, 188) backed up Scott Stankavage a year ago, but he threw only 14 times and did not play in the final six games. Out of spring drills, he and freshman Mark Maye (6-4, 204) were given equal ranking at the spot, with freshman Kenny Miller (6-2, 202) as backup. Maye, an excellent passer, sprained a knee in early spring drills.

Senior Ethan Horton (6-4, 218) led the ACC in rushing last fall (1,107 yards), and he's strong enough to carry 30-35 times a game. But Crum likes to split the tailback duties, as he did last fall when Tyrone Anthony also got a thousand yards. In reserve are William Humes (254 yards before a knee injury) and redshirt freshman John Duffel. Senior Eddie Colson, an excellent blocker who also ran for 425 yards, returns at fullback. Backing him up are Ray Littlejohn and freshman Brad Loop. The receivers are junior tight end Arnold Franklin (6-3, 241) with 25 catches (and a great blocker), and Dave Truitt (6-4, 224), who had 18 catches. The wideouts are led by Earl Winfield (16 catches, 195 yards), Larry Griffin (four TDs in his 16 catches), Eric Streater, Norris Davis, and Eric Lewis.

Soph Harris Barton (6-4, 261) returns at center, seniors Greg Naron (6-5, 275) and Willy Austin (6-5, 268) at guards, with soph C.A. Brooks (6-4, 249) a key challenger. The new tackles are Pat Sheehan (6-3, 249) and senior Bobby Pope (6-2, 270), moved from guard.

Tommy Barnhardt returns to punt but the place-kickers, Lee Gliarmis and Rob Rogers, have very little experience with a full stadium.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(3-8, 1-5) Coach Tom Reed, who came from Miami of Ohio, learned all about the Atlantic Coast Conference in the fourth quarter of his baptismal season. He inherited a somewhat disjointed team, which he more or less expected, but he managed to patch together a squad which could play 45 minutes pretty well, with a quarterback, Tim Esposito, who had never taken a varsity center snap before. But the game is 60 minutes, of course, and that was the Wolfpack's undoing. It was outscored 109-41 in the final period. Starting with the North Carolina game, its defense yielded at least four touchdowns to each of five Division I-A opponents, and Reed saw an offense, with a lack of depth, which was flat tired.

Tim Esposito is the returning quarterback. He established Wolfpack passing records galore, wiping out the names of Roman Gabriel, Dave Buckey, and Bruce Shaw. He had the school's first 2,000-yard aerial show, hitting 190 throws in 323 passes (58.8 percent) for 2,096 yards and eight TDs. In his first season after a juco transfer sitout, he had such stats as 31 for 48 (294 yards) against North Carolina—only to lose.

The offense returns nine starters, with the backfield intact. It highlights running back Joe McIntosh (5-10, 192), now a senior, who was All-ACC as a freshman and junior. He had 1,000-yard seasons then, but injuries nagged his sophomore year. With great balance and the knack of finding daylight, McIntosh posted a five-yard average on 217 carries last fall. Seniors Rickey Isom, fullback, and Phil Brothers, flanker, complete this experienced backfield. Senior Vince Evans has been moved from fullback to back up McIntosh, along with junior Joe Greene (6.1 avg., 44 carries). The passing attack retains five of its top seven receivers: tight end Jeff Brown (41 catches), McIntosh, Brothers, Isom, and split end Haywood Jeffires.

The offensive line is built around senior tackles A.V. Richards (6-4, 270) and Joe Milinichik (6-5, 285). Both are All-ACC candidates. John Smith (6-4, 250) joins senior starter Larry Burnette (6-3, 256) at guards, with senior reserve Ron Kosar (6-2, 259) at center. The Pack anticipates the best offensive line since 1979, an ACC title year.

Seven defensive starters are in the ranks, mainly in the secondary (Nelson Jones, John McRorie, and Dwayne Greene as starters, joined by senior Jeff Byrd), but spring drills brought definite improvement elsewhere. Gone are all-star linebackers Vaughan Johnson and Andy Hendel, but the staff moved Mark Franklin from the outside to team with Pat Teague, Don Holder, and Marty Fitzgerald. It leaves Frank Bush, who had eight sacks, as outside linebacker with Benny Pegram, another senior. Junior Raymond Phillips (6-2, 243) returns at tackle, joined by senior Mark Shaw (6-6, 238). Senior Dillard Andrews moves up as middle guard.

For two seasons, as a freshman and soph, Mike Cofer led the club in scoring, and there's no immediate reason to erase his name.

Tailback Ethan Horton (#12) led the ACC with 1,107 yards for North Carolina coach Dick Crum.

VIRGINIA

(6-5, 3-3) The Cavaliers went 6-5, only the third winning season at Charlottesville since 1952, so it was something special. Wahoos reacted wonderfully, setting Scott Stadium attendance records on two consecutive Saturdays. When the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association got around to voting for coach of the year, it was George Welsh who won.

A lot of points went on the 1983 board, both sides. Welsh's attack wants to continue that movement of the ball, and the first task in fall workouts is to name a quarterback. With Wayne Schuchts gone, with his school passing record, the job is wide-open. After spring drills the trio competing was soph Don Majkowski, who's had a brief run as backup, soph Kevin Ferguson, a flanker moved to quarterback in the spring; and redshirt freshman Scott Secules, who broke a foot in the Virginia prep all-star game and missed all of 1983.

A strong running game has experience. Junior Antonio Rice had 306 yards at tailback until he broke an arm in the seventh game. He's been moved to fullback, where he joins

Virginia kick-returner Malcolm Pittman; OT Joe Milinichik (#71), linebacker Frank Bush (#38), DT Raymond Phillips (#90), and running back Joe McIntosh of N.C. State

senior Steve Morse, who started the first five games (275 yards). At tailback again are soph Howard Petty (835 yards, seven TDs—both school freshmen records) and junior Barry Word (209 yards). The aerial game went largely to Petty last fall, who caught 23 passes. Senior Nick Merrick (6-5, 210), with 20 catches last fall, is at split end, but the other receivers are inexperienced: Geno Zimmerlink, John DeGiorgi, Keith Mattioli, and Malcolm Pittman.

There is a good offensive line. Junior Harold Garren (6-3, 237) returns at center, senior Bob Olderman (6-5, 266) at guard, and All ACC Jim Dombrowski (6-5, 291) at tackle. At guard also will be either senior Jim Huddleston, who missed spring work, or junior Steve Karriker (6-3, 263), while the other tackle will be soph Paul Sierocinski or junior Scott Chapin. Tight end goes to senior Bryan Hitchcock, moved from tackle, or soph Jeff Armstrong.

Nine regulars return to the defense. At ends again are Scott Hillman and John Muntz, backed by sophomore Steve Dolan, moved from linebacker; at tackles are seniors Ron Mattes (6-6, 289) and Tom Kilgannon (6-3, 251), backed by junior Scott Matheson; at guard are senior David Bond (6-5, 246), who missed the last two games with a broken thumb. Soph Charles McDaniel (6-3, 234) led the team in tackles last season before missing most of the eleventh game with an injury. He's back as a linebacker, along with junior Russ Swan (6-5, 216). The secondary returns All-ACC strong safety Lester Lyles (6-3, 207), one of the bigger players at his position. Starting in the fourth game, he came on strong to rank second in team tackles, including six for losses, and blocked two kicks. Ray Daly also returns, as well as senior Bob Sweeney, who started the last two games, and William Frazier, a regular until he broke his arm in the fifth game. The Cavaliers, even with a winning mark, had some breaks go the negative way.

WAKE FOREST

(4-7, 1-5) Coach Al Groh comes into his fourth season with the Deacons with a lot of questions. Groh knows the defense must shape up. A year ago, after being surprised by Appalachian State in the opener, Wake Forest beat Virginia Tech, Western Carolina, and Richmond. Then the defense just disappeared. Points piled up—for the other side—and the only other victory demanded the Deacons score 38 of their own, because Virginia had 33. It was that sort of season.

For what it's worth, the eight leading tacklers off '83 return for the current season, but it's frightening, to be sure, to note the two top tacklers, in numbers, were in the secondary. That means long gains. Opponents got 25.3 points and 411 yards per game, and Wake was No. 1 in the ACC in pass defense (143.6). The Deacons only gave up seven TDs in the air, but everybody ran on them.

Among 40 lettermen are eight regulars from the defensive unit plus a ninth Deacon who started in the line the previous season and missed '83 with an injury. That is Tony Coates (5-11, 224), who will move into the three-front with regulars Gary Baldinger (6-2, 233) and Bruce Mark (6-2, 252), backed up by experienced Rodger Morrill and Randall Singleton.

Three of the linebackers are gone, however. Senior Malcolm Hairston (6-1, 207) is the only starter on hand, working on the inside with senior Tony Scott and soph Scott Roberts. The battle for outside linebacker has been narrowed down to sophomore Carl Nesbit (6-3, 205), juco All-America transfer Carl Garbarczyk (6-2, 239), David Phiel, Ken Grantham, and Stuart Stogner. The secondary, by the same token, has all four members returning: Roary Holt, Donald Johnson, Ronnie Burgess, and Reggie McCummings. It was McCummings, who switched from wide receiver as a soph last season, who led in tackles. Burgess had six interceptions.

On offense, even with eight starters returning, there is a drastic revision in the attack. With Gary Schofield as quarterback for three years, setting passing records, the game was in the air. Schofield is gone, and his replacements are Jamie Harris (6-1, 192), a transfer from Georgia, and junior Foy White (5-11, 181), who threw exactly 14 times last fall. Four of the top six receivers—91 catches—are gone also. So, the Deacon attack from the pro set will concentrate on the ground for a change.

Good runners are there, led by Michael Ramseur (6-0, 180), who was ACC rookie of the year in 1982. Injuries cost him playing time last fall, but he rushed for 629 yards and led the team with eight TDs. Other part-time starters were Toppy Clemons and Ira McKeller. Among the incoming freshmen is Darryl McGill (5-11, 186), the North Carolina prep player of the year. The pass receiving was led by senior Duane Owens, 46 for 447 yards and five TDs, but the rest of the receiving corps will be inexperienced: James Brim, David Chambers, Deter Victor, and Wes Stauffer. Devin Wieczorek returns at tight end.

A team strength is the offensive line, where sophomore Paul Kiser (6-3, 265) moves up to a starting guard, teaming with returning regular Ken McAllister (6-1, 259). Senior Mike Nesselt (6-4, 247) is at center again, and the Morrison brothers from Wilmington (NC) take care of tackle: senior Bobby (6-3, 289) and little brother Tim (6-2, 263), a soph.

The Deacons did not have a lot of kicking points (49). Danny Nolan returns for placements, along with senior Harry Newsome, who shared those duties. But Newsome's star role is as the punter. Twice All-ACC, he was No. 2 in the nation last fall (45.5-yard average). Every single yard will again be needed.

DUKE

(3-8, 3-3) Young Steve Sloan, in his first season as Duke's head football coach, went from Saturday to Saturday last fall not believing

what was happening. The Blue Devils were 0-7 when November came around, and Ben Bennett was threatening the NCAA career passing record in vain. Then the Bennett magic beat Georgia Tech, 32-26; Wake Forest, 31-21; and N.C. State, 27-26, before losing to North Carolina, 27-34. To say the least, the Blue Devils were exciting. They led the ACC in passing, but were also last in total defense (436.9) and scoring defense (31.8 points).

Duke was also a senior ball club. Gone will be Ben Bennett to Mark Militello, the airways; gone will be Mike Grayson running behind Phil Ebinger's blocks, the ground game. So the Blue Devil backfield must start over. At the controls will be senior Ron Sally (6-3, 200), who did a fine job in 1981 when Bennett was injured, but he threw only one pass last season. There is also junior Drew Walston (6-3, 195), who hurt his right shoulder the final week

Duke tailback Julius Grantham

of spring drills. Sophomore Mike Muschamp (6-1, 185) backs them up.

A year ago, Julius Grantham actually alternated with Grayson, carrying 101 times for 556 yards. He is backed up by senior Mike Atkinson and soph Mike Peacock, neither of whom carried the ball last fall. Senior Scott Sime, a fine blocker, heads the fullback corps with Tracy Smith and David James, moved from linebacker. Tight end Scott Russell (6-4, 222) is the leading receiver returning. He had 47 catches for 471 yards. Backing him up is junior Rice Reed. The wide receivers are led by senior Gary Frederick, who turned 15 catches into five TDs, juniors Chuck Herring and Greg Flanagan, and soph Doug Green, who averaged 21.4 yards on his catches.

The tackles, junior Ted Million (6-5, 265) and senior Justin Beckett (6-3, 280), lead the offensive line. Newcomers moving up will be the senior twins Mike (6-3, 260) and Mark (6-3, 250) Higginbotham at guard, while sophomore Paul Constantino (6-2, 245) is at center.

The Blue Devils, trying to end that cursed streak of losses, changed the defense to a 4-3 in November, but Sloan will go back to his usual even-man front. The starting tackles again are juniors Murray Youmans (6-1, 245) and Reggie Andrews (6-0, 240), backed by Scott Wilkinson and Craig Owens. New ends are Harry Ward (6-2, 235) and David Adams (6-4, 245). Linebacking will be a team strength, with all four starters returning: junior Nick Buoniconti, an over-achiever at 5-10, 178 who led the team in tackles; senior Ralph Aldermsn (6-3, 212), who was second in tackles; junior Pete Stubbs, and sophomore Mike Junkin (6-4, 205), who was credited with 38 tackles in the final three games. The secondary returns two seniors, Joby Branion and Darryl Brunson, who will again start along with reserves Mark Moseley and Johnny Hill. In the rover position for the Blue Devils will be junior Howard Woods.

A bright spot in the rebuilding process will be the kicking game. Junior Ken Harper has booted 109 points in the past two years and converted eight of his last 11 field-goal tries. For the fourth season John Tolish will do the punting. His 40.4-yard mark rated No. 8 in the nation, and it can be a major factor in defensive improvement, a necessity.

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VIRGINIA TECH

(9-2) The Hokies were surprised in the opener by Wake Forest before the offense learned what to do. Then they were skunked by West Virginia. But other than those two Saturdays, quarterback Mark Cox directed an average of 412.2 yards total offense, and V-Tech finished No. 4 in the national rushing stats. It was the defense which brought most of the glory, an old habit with coach Bill Dooley, who still plays SEC football although he's been away from that league a long time. Tech was No. 1 in the nation in defense against the rush (69.4-yard avg.) and against scoring (8.3 pts.).

The defense shows a few holes, as well as the brightest spot in the personnel. Tackle Bruce Smith (6-4, 275) is now a senior, a veteran of five or more All-America selections last fall when he proved to be a real blockbuster. He had 22 quarterback sacks to lead the nation. He will join junior Bernard Joseph (6-3, 253) and redshirt freshman John Jessup (6-3, 265). This is the strength up front. Senior Jesse Penn (6-3, 222) returns at end and will team with reserves Cornell Urquhart (6-3, 235), a part-time starter himself, and junior Dwight Ausbrooks. Nose guard is again sophomore Orlando Williams (6-1, 195). His backups, both sophomores, are Mark Webb (6-2, 259) and Robby Jackson (6-2, 248).

Rebuilding will take place at linebacker and in the secondary. Battling for the former positions will be junior Noland Hazzard and Allen Little, sophomore Paul Nelson, and redshirt freshman Jamel Agemy. Three members of the secondary return: Ashley Lee, a hero one Saturday when he returned two interceptions 182 yards; and seniors Derek Carter and Bryan Burleigh, each with three interceptions. Vying for the fourth spot will be junior Trevor Wright and seniors Leon Gordon, Bob Thomas, and Ray Fitts.

That brings the Hokie story around to the offense—where there are eight starters—and maybe the key to the season. The line misses only a tackle and tight end. Senior Billy Leeson (6-4, 279) returns at tackle, to team with senior Tom Hartman, (6-5,272), junior Stuart Plank (6-2, 262), and soph Jim Davie (6-3, 267). The guards are intact: senior Vincent Johnson (6-3, 258) and junior Kent Thomas (6-1, 277), plus part-time regulars Scott Cruise (6-2, 255) and Tom Mehr (6-2, 242). Junior Mark Johnson (6-3, 250) is a veteran starter at center, backed by Robert Frulla and Kevin Keeffe.

Quarterback Mark Cox (top) and All-America defensive tackle Bruce Smith lead Virginia Tech.

The receivers are effective, although the Hokie game is generated mainly by land. Battling at tight end will be senior Joe Jones (6-4, 247) and sophs Greg Brooks (6-1, 236) and Morgan Roane (6-5, 235), all good blockers. Other starters will be the fleet soph Steve Ellsworth (17 catches, 306 yards) and senior Clarence Nelson (21 for 236), backed by Scott Rider, Terrence Howell, and Allan Thomas.

Senior quarterback Mark Cox (6-1, 198) directs a diversified attack. He rushed for 215 yards and hit 55 percent of his passes for 1,188 yards (only seven interceptions). Blocking at fullback is senior Nigel Bowe (5-9, 221) and junior John Polascik. Dooley platoons his tailbacks: Otis Copeland (709 yards), Maurice Williams (442), Eddie Hunter (395), and Desmar Becton (371).

EAST CAROLINA

(8-3) There is a special excitement and anticipation rolling across the coastal plains of Eastern North Carolina, generated by coach Ed Emory's football program. It comes off a sensational year, ranked No. 20 in the final AP

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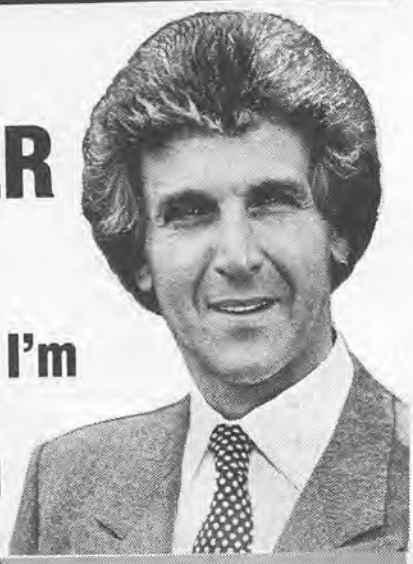

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South Carolina RB Thomas Dendy

poll, a first for the Pirates, certainly a college football team worthy of a postseason bowl. That invitation never came, for whatever reason, but the Pirates celebrated just the same.

Only three starters return on defense. The only experienced player up front is senior Chris Santa Cruz (6-5, 224) at nose guard, to which he was moved last midseason. He is backed up by sophomore David Plum and redshirt freshman Medrick Rainbow. At the tackles, however, as many as ten Pirates get a shot at the regular roles currently held by soph Joe Grinage (6-3, 235) and freshman Leon Hall (6-5, 240), backed up by freshman Glenn Geist and junior Bruce Shoemaker. It's about the same at defensive ends, where senior Kevin Banks and junior Willie Mack are ahead of several of the redshirt frosh.

Senior P.J. Jordan (6-2, 226) returns as the key linebacker. Tyrone Johnson teams with him, backed by seniors Ron Reid and Donald Reid, soph Larry Berry, and freshman Bruce Simpson. Junior Kevin Walker, the leading pass interceptor, and senior Calvin Adams highlight the returning secondary, along with Vernard Wynn, Gary London, Rally Caparas, and Keith Ford.

Of special note is the Pirates' secret weapon, which is no longer a secret. Juco transfer Henry Williams, a 4.2 speedster at 5-foot-6, returned a punt 56 yards at Florida State the first time he touched the football. For the second half he ran back the kickoff 99 yards. He was the national kickoff-return leader (31.1-yard average), and also managed 10.5 yards per punt return.

Williams, of course, is a starting wide receiver for a passing game that has been secondary to the rushing attack for several years. Emory feels his receivers are the best in years, including Williams and senior Ricky Nichols (15 catches, 222 yards) at flanker and senior split end Stefon Adams (20 for 277). Senior Damon Pope (6-3, 220) advances as the starting tight end, backed by Jeff Patton and Bryant Porter.

Sophomore Darrell Speed (6-0, 195) came out of spring work a notch ahead of juco transfer Robbie Bartlett and redshirt freshman Ron Jones for the starting quarterback role. There will be experienced tailbacks in junior Tony Baker (534 yards) and senior Jimmy Walden (453). Senior Reggie Branch moves up at fullback, teaming with soph Pat Bowers.

Strength in experience comes in the offensive line. Senior Norman Quick (6-2, 259) will start at guard for the third season, teaming with senior Mac Powers (6-3, 250), Ricky Helburn (6-5, 270), and Paul Hoggard (6-2, 240). Soph Tim Dumas (6-6, 280) starts at tackle with junior Brad Henson (6-2, 253), and senior Tim Mitchell (6-2, 245) takes over the center spot, where he had several starts. It is a talented line which might well carry the offense, aided and abetted by junior kicker Jeff Heath, named ECAC Division I kicker of the year (130 points in two seasons).

SOUTH CAROLINA

(5-6) At most college campuses a 5-6 football team doesn't incite heart attacks or amplify high blood pressure, and South Carolina is among them. But the way coach Joe Morrison's Gamecocks played in his initial season . . . well, everybody wanted some of the action. They beat Miami (Ohio) and Duke in a great second-half comeback—where quarterback Allen Mitchell was discovered—and when the Cocks clawed Southern Cal, 38-14, they were 3-2 and rolling. Four times they sold out the home stadium, the biggest congregation being 74,500 for Notre Dame.

Nine regulars return on offense, and it was the veer which concentrated on the ground game, or about 67 percent of the snaps. When Mitchell took over at quarterback, he fit right in, with 182 yards rushing and 1,142 passing. His percentage and interceptions need improvement. The top runners return: juniors Thomas Dendy (725 yards with 5.5 average, plus 18 catches) and Kent Hagood (653 yards, 6.2 avg., plus nine catches). They are backed by soph Raynard Brown and senior Quinton Lewis. The receivers are experienced, led by starters Ira Hillary (30 catches for 442 yards) and Chris Wade, backed up by junior Erik Poole and senior Bill Bradshaw. Moving up at tight end are junior Curtis Hill and senior Chris Corley.

The offensive line has only one tackle position vacant from last year's starters, and that is taken by soph Jeff Teague (6-6, 278), battling with a couple of redshirt frosh: Dru Mims (6-4, 270) and Ray Bingham (6-2, 248). At left tackle again is senior Bill Barnhill (6-4, 252). Intact are the guards, both seniors: Jim Walsh (6-3, 250), a third-year starter, and Del Wilkes (6-3, 245). Center is handled by seniors Carl Womble (6-4, 250) and Tom Garner (6-2, 231).

The defense was particularly effective against the rush (only 169.4 yards per opponent), and seven starters return. Only once did the game really get out of hand, a 45-30 loss to Florida State in the ninth game.

Morrison and staff moved senior Frank Wright (6-3, 258) from end, where he had been a starter for two years, to tackle to team with senior Glenn Woodley (6-0, 233). They are backed up by sophs Fitzgerald Davis (6-4, 248) and Roy Hart (6-2, 232). Senior James Sumpton, teams with soph Willie McIntee, junior Tony Guyton, and redshirt freshman Ricky Daniels at end.

The linebacking lost two starters, but senior James Seawright (6-2, 213) heads the replacement corps, and after spring drills junior Willie Hill and senior Paul Vogel had regular roles. In reserve are redshirt frosh Tommy Chaikin, Gleen Peacock, and Carl Hill. The secondary also comes up strong with all four starters: sophomore Chris Major and seniors Bryant Gilliard, Gary Ryan, and Hinton Tayloe. Sophomores Otis Morris, Joe Brooks, Greg Philpot, and Scott Stevenson back them up.

RICHMOND

(3-8) Coach Dal Shealy, in his fifth year with the Richmond Spiders, has 45 lettermen on hand, eight starters on offense and six on defense, for the university's inaugural year in the Yankee Conference (it will not be eligible for the conference championship until 1986).

The offense will again move with established quarterback Bob Bleier, who began last season as a redshirt freshman and started from the third game on. The 6-3, 190-pound sophomore turned 125 pass completions into 1,394 yards and ten TDs. He'll be backed by senior Danny Kees and Doug Hite, a transfer from North Carolina. But losing tailback Jarvis

Linebaker James Seawright (#45) with defensive back Bryant Gilliard and RB Kent Hagood of Gamecocks

Jennings and his 1,163 rushing yards brings an added problem. Going into fall drills, after considerable spring experimentation, soph Greg Grooms was the tailback, with senior Rick Corey, and Kim Pettus, moved from the secondary, also in the running. The backup tailback, senior David Bayer (410 yards), was switched to fullback in the spring, but both junior Danny Holly (250 yards) and juco All-America Glenn Bensley may move up early.

The receivers may be the strongest segment of the squad. Soph John Henry (15 catches for 174 yards) moves up at tight end. Junior Leland Melvin, the little fellow (165 pounds) with the big plays (52 catches for 662 yards and five TDs), teams with junior Jeff

McLean, backed by sophs James Church and Brian Shields and seniors Craig Kay and Doug Ehlers.

Senior Eddie Martin (6-2, 250) has been shifted from center to offensive tackle as anchor for a veteran line. Four other seniors will join him, all starters at one point last season: tackle Mark Palyo (6-5, 260), guards Greg Hasty (6-3, 235), Bryan Drew (6-0, 240), and Mike Craft (6-1, 255), and center Danny Worrell (6-3, 230).

Defensive strength comes up front and in the secondary. The nose guard is junior Ellison Graham, along with juco transfer Randy Harper; the tackles are senior Steve Lester (6-4, 260) and junior Bryan Tuft (6-4, 230), backed by Rene Ulloa and Gary Stergar. Junior Troy Gray, second in tackles, is the only experienced linebacker, aided by Don Miller, Grad Hardy, Rafe Wilkinson, Mike Bellissino, and Dan Fittz, moved from tight end. The secondary retains Gary O'Bryant (tops with four interceptions), Billy Starke, and Taylor Lackey, along with Napoleon DuBois, moved from quarterback, where he started the first two games last year.

JAMES MADISON

(3-8) Challace McMillin has been James Madison's only head football coach, for all 12 seasons, but he would probably admit that 1983 was the most unusual, and probably the most disappointing. It was to be a young team, but it started 3-1 with an impressive 24-20 win over Appalachian State of the Southern Conference. Then the injuries started and by the time they healed, the Dukes were out of the running. For some reason the second quarter was deadly, with the Dukes outscored 85-51. The defense failed to contain anybody in the latter half of the season.

There are nine starters, back from the defensive unit, with only the outside linebackers missing. Juniors Anthony Evans and Lincoln Wood are the two newcomers. The inside linebackers are again junior Charles Haley (6-4, 230), who led the team in tackles, and senior Brian Wisniewski, backed by veteran Neal Mohler. The secondary returns intact: junior Mike Jones and seniors Pete Smith (second in tackles), Bill Brightwell, and Tony Thomas.

Eight players who started at one time up front return. Senior Mike Setzer (6-2, 241), who had nine sacks, and junior Scott Baxter (6-4, 234) head the tackles, with Greg Dyer (6-3, 245), Kieth Giliam (6-3, 260), and Emmitt Thomas (6-3, 216). At the guards are seniors Brian Fink (6-2, 225) and Chuck Taylor (6-1, 240) and junior James Hairston (6-1, 255).

The No. 1 quarterback, junior Jon Roddy (6-0, 200), severely sprained an ankle in game two. He passed for 1,319 yards and ten TDs the year before. Sophomore running back Warren Marshall (6-2, 205) is ready after his 691-yard rushing year in 1982. He broke his collarbone on his first carry last fall. Senior Brian Coe, with an extra hardship season, is at running back (677 yards last fall along with 19 catches). Other runners include junior Victor McPherson and sophs James Scaife and D.D.Manns.

The thinnest segment is the receiving corps, where senior Ben Edwards (6-3, 235) and junior Danny Robertson lead Leon Watts, Robert Green, Rick Rice (moved from the secondary), and Barry Kelley.

The offensive line includes center Greg Smith (6-2, 254); guards Kenny Dalton (6-1, 255), Chris Robinson (6-2, 250), and Gary Tomlin (6-2, 248); and tackles Adam Burket (6-2, 265), Dario Savarese (6-7, 252), and Joe Wiekli (6-2, 269). Mickey Stinnett again handles all the kicking.

TOWSON STATE

(10-2) The Tigers enjoyed their most successful season ever in NCAA Division II, finishing as the No. 4-ranked team and reaching the playoff quarterfinals. Coach Phil Albert's Tigers were awarded the Lambert Plaque, symbolic of the ECAC Division II team of the year. Four new opponents give Towson State a true intersectional schedule this fall.

James Madison features quarterback Jon Roddy (#5), outside linebacker Charles Haley (right), and place-kicker Mickey Stinnet.

There are 42 lettermen and seven offensive starters. The record-setting passing attack must be revised, having lost both ends of the aerial game. Kurt Beathard, Theron Richards, and Jay McMichael will get a shot at quarterback. Junior Sean Murphy (39 catches, 592 yards, five TDs) heads the receivers. Starting tailback Brian O'Neal (6-1, 206) has been moved to fullback, giving senior James McEachin the nod at tailback. The line remains intact: tackles Barry Cohen (6-3, 280) and Bill Ward (6-2, 250), guards Terrance Brooks (6-1, 238) and Mike McCable, and center Stan Elsenhooth (6-6, 270).

The defense, with six starters, held seven Division II opponents to 19 points a year ago. Back again are linebackers Jeff Kihn and Allen Argent, tackle Sheldon Nelson, corner backs Jason Grooms and Greg Rogers, and safety Mark Kauffman. Senior Wayne Wisniewski (6-1, 230) moves up at nose guard.

WOFFORD

(6-5) That record a year ago was a disappointment for the Terriers, who had been ranked No. 8 in the NAIA preseason polls. Coach Bill Parker's team won its first four, but then injuries to 20 first- or second-string players turned everything around. Wofford has 33 lettermen returning, but the defense, which fell apart with the injuries, needs improvement.

The entire offensive backfield returns, including the top three ball carriers: senior halfbacks Tim May (624 yards) and Craig Best (521) and junior fullback Arthur Lindsay (248). The quarterback contenders are junior Gary Patterson, who started the final three games, and sophomore Dennis Williams. Freshman Freddie Logan heads the receivers. However, the offensive line has little experience, losing eight players from last fall.

The defensive line returns tackles Mike Carrouth and Kenny Beasley, who moved to middle guard, where John Hancock, in turn, was switched to linebacker. Veteran end David Carter returns. In the secondary again are free safety Glenn Manning and cornerback Danny Gilman. Punter Mark Lewitt is back, but there's a new place-kicker John Thorne, a transfer from Elon—who kicked two field goals against the Terriers in last season's 19-14 Elon victory.

GUILFORD

(5-4-1) Coach Charles Forbes enters his ninth season at Guilford with a record of 37-37-1. Optimism reigns for an improvement this time. It is based on an experienced defense, including seven returning starters.

Senior Pernell Jefferson was an NAIA All-America honorable mention as a deep back, returning with junior Lamar Boykin. Senior Scott O'Kelley is the key linebacker, and the four line starters are senior ends Billy Smith and Charles Kepley and soph tackles Jimmy Bethea (6-2, 244) and Trent Tucker (6-1, 220).

Quite a battle will come at quarterback between junior Doug Kenworthy and soph Jesse James. Ball carriers with experience are junior tailback Terry Jones and senior fullback Tyrone Garces. Tight end Buddy Halbert and Reggie Peace lead the receivers, and senior tackle Ron Gilkerson (6-2, 235) highlights the line, which is the Quakers' question mark. Senior Bryan Wilson does the kicking.

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WESTERN CAROLINA

(11-3-1, 5-0-1) Bob Waters, in his sixteenth season with the Catamounts, looks down a loaded roster of experience. Last season's Cats started 0-2 against Clemson and Wake Forest before dropping the conference opener. Then they won 11 straight en route to the I-AA finals, before losing to Southern Illinois.

They put the ball in the air a record number of times, and senior quarterback Jeff Gilbert (6-2, 190) had 487 throws. He completed 267 of them for 2,993 yards and 21 touchdowns—all SC records. Gilbert returns, backed by incoming freshmen Ken Burke and Eddie Estridge. His key receiver, a clever little fellow named Eric Rasheed (5-8, 156), returns for his final year. Last season, Rasheed caught 89 of Gilbert's passes—topping a 14-year-old conference record—for 1,142 yds and 12 TDs, then added the kickoff-return chores, where he averaged 22.5 yards per return. He was third in SC all-purpose running.

But beyond these two potential all-stars Waters sent out a search. Soph fullback Billy Ray Jones retains his old spot, but tailbacks Melvin Dorsey and Leonard Williams are gone. Lettermen Milton Beck and John Preston will be joined by freshman Glen Dorsey as ball carriers. New receivers will come from among Tyrone DeLapp, Alonzo Carmichael, John Jackson, and Cam Sanders. The offensive line returns intact: senior Steve Taylor (6-4, 248) at center, juniors Tim Hill (6-3, 218) and Charles Stephenson (6-3, 220) at guards, juniors Mike Herndon (6-2, 244) and Marty Reagan (6-2, 288) at tackles.

The defense also has experience, a unit that did very well except in the first and last games. The secondary returns seniors Richard Dukes, Tiger Greene, Bernard Jones, and Miles Nicholson, who led the league with eight interceptions. Senior linebackers are Paul Abraham (6-1, 220) and Richard Pate (6-1, 222), backed by senior Louis Cooper (6-2, 231). The returning linemen are ends Clyde Simmons and John Surratt, backed by incoming freshman Greg O'Connor, and tackles Mark Buffamoyer (5-11, 231), Jim Luther, and Kirk Woods, with another freshman, Bernard Paige, counted on for immediate action.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

(3-8, 1-6) There's certainly optimism coming to life in the hills around Johnson City, and coach Buddy Sasser had things reaching that higher elevation. It's to be called the "Second Sasser Season." The first went 3-8, but consider four of the Saturday scores: 15-21, 16-17, 10-13, 10-13.

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There are 51 lettermen on hand, of which 19 were starters. Sasser will ditch the wishbone in favor of the I-formation, because it fits his personnel better.

The offensive line is strong, despite two regulars missing. Junior Ricky Thompson moves up at center, seniors Lamar Sherman (6-2, 269) and Rob Younger (6-3, 256) remain at guard. Senior Glenn Hardeman (6-2, 250) returns at tackle, teaming with Stacy Seal, Mark Cook, Rich Noel, and Robert Sudderth. Tight end is junior Tom Dodd (6-5, 224), with Danny Cox. The receivers are Mark Neely and Frank Armstrong, with Paul Rose, Jum Murphy, and freshman Nicky Lunch.

Junior Robbie White was the starting quarterback until he was injured in the seventh game; then soph Keith Harris took over. Senior Walt Bowlin has also started. Ball carriers include junior Henry Latham (592 yards), Vince Redd (488), and Herman Jacobs (368). Junior Jerry Butler returns after sitting a year.

The defense has only the free safety as a newcomer. The secondary includes Harvey Zachary, Gary Zingler (tops in interceptions), and soph Pernell Latham, with senior linebackers Gary Ingman (leading tackler) and David Vestal (second tackler) backed by Stan Dever and Bill Murr. Across the front are senior Danny Carmichael (6-0, 233) at nose guard, junior Calvin Thompson (6-3, 231) and senior Mark Sheffield (6-1, 236) at tackle, seniors David Ferrell and Phil Forney at end, with Kevin Edwards and Sidney Sherman providing bench strength.

FURMAN

(10-2-1, 6-0-1) Coach Dick Sheridan lost 16 starters from last year's team, most from a group that contributed to four consecutive conference championships. Gone are seven all-conference stars, including the record-holding David Charpia (passing) and Stanford Jennings (rushing). It was a team that went to the NCAA I-AA semifinals, a team that beat Georgia Tech early.

Sheridan comes into his seventh season unmatched in conference annals (five SC titles in the first six). The Paladins led the league in total offense and were second in total defense, showing their versatility and strength.

The offense has just four starters back. Junior Gene Reeder (6-0, 214) returns at center, with his classmates Clay Hendrix at guard and Terry Phillips (6-2, 236) at tackle. Vying at guard are Brad Merkle, (a starter until a knee injury), David Taylor, and Paul Pendleton; and at tackle are Bernard Durham, Jim Edmondson, Billy Cato, and Andrew Bernstein. Three-year letterman Jonathan May is the tight end, and the receivers include senior Chas Fox (28 catches for 55 yards), junior Steve Coppenger, John Cravack, and James Brown.

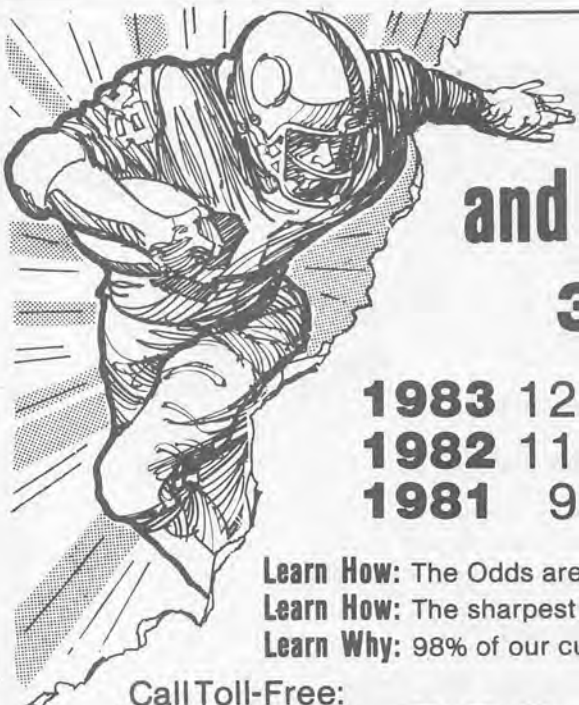
Only fullback Dinky Williams (6-1, 223), a good blocker, returns in the all-star backfield. Robbie Gardner (410 yards) and soph Brian Jager step up. Junior Bobby Lamb is the new quarterback. Contending will be soph John O'Reilly and a pair of freshmen: Keith Moore and Chris Speaks.

The defense must scramble also to fill vacated spots. Two regulars return: three-year letterman Rock Hurst at linebacker and Fred Baber in the secondary. Teaming with Hurst are three-year letterman Ben Browder, Kyle Davis and Verdell Patterson, while the secondary includes juniors Karl Moody and Mark Sims and sophs Steve Squire, Jerome Norris, and Benji Motte. Up front at ends are part-time starter Mitch Gibson and three-time letterman Jerrod Smith; at tackles are Robert David (6-2, 228) and Kenny Elder (6-2, 240); at nose guard are sophs Eddie Bopp, Ralph Harper and Bon Colangelo.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

(7-4, 5-2) Buddy Nix will take on his first head coaching job, succeeding Bill Oliver with the Moccasins. They'll seek to continue the balanced attack of a year ago, when the defense was a power: No. 1 in the SC total defense and rushing defense (114.4 yards). The offense was second in conference rushing but dead last in passsing (only 82 yards per game). Many of the starters are missing.

Mixing the I-formation and pro set, Nix will employ junior quarterback Ralph Potter (6-0, 190), who was seventh in SC total offense. He carried the ball more than he passed (295 yards rushing, 622 passing). He is backed by lettermen Dusty Alverson and Tim Couch. Senior Artis Edwards returns as the running back (561 yards). Other runners include Steve Baker, Mitchell Fontenot, Marvin Ford, Mike Hill, and Kenneth Julian.



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Three regulars return in the line: soph Steve Williams (6-3, 265) at center, senior Rodney Severance (6-1, 250) at guard, and junior Brent Johnson (6-1, 249) at tackle. They are backed by lettermen Johnny Baker, James Duncan, Mike Makins, Roderick Scott, and Mark Singletary. Junior Byron Holmes tops the tight ends, and other receivers include senior Stanley Turner (6-4, 218) and freshmen John Sewell and Rodney Hollis.

The defense was riddled by graduation, and only four starters return. At tackle, Bob Standifer (6-6, 235), the team's only three-

Quarterback Carl Fodor (top) and defensive tackle Jeff Borman are two of the Thundering Herd's best.

year letterman, made the all-conference team. Junior Randall Mitchell (6-2, 261) started at guard, and supporting them up front are Alan Bone, Greg Moore, and Jim Watson at ends and Conrad Stokes, Javan Ross, and Roderick Lewis. Junior Glen Richardson (6-2, 200) was All-SC last season as linebacker, teaming with Zack Ervin, Spanky Thomas, and Tom Weathers, with freshmen Horatio Lee and Mike Dale. In the secondary again are senior Kenny Washington and junior David McCrary, a little guy (161 lbs.) who led the SC in punt returning (11-yard avg.), including the SC's longest of the season, 73 vs. Marshall, as well as the league's best interception return, 57 vs SW Louisiana. He wears fast moccasins.

APPALACHIAN STATE

(6-5, 4-3) Sparky Woods advances from the staff to become the Mountaineers' head coach, and his club, despite considerable inexperience at quarterback, is being labeled a Southern Conference dark horse. It retains the multiple-I attack, but Woods will have to generate immediate production because the schedule begins September 1 and lists five games in that month. He's got to start with Clemson, Western Kentucky, and Wake Forest, and that will certainly be no picnic.

Woods will likely call on an incoming freshman, Todd Payton (6-2, 185) or Ethan Waldron (5-11, 190) at quarterback. Experienced runners are available in Cliff Reid and the reliable John Settle (5-10, 203), an honorable mention All-SC. He rushed for 613 yards in 135 carries, added 37 catches for 215 yards, and was fourth in SC all-purpose running, with 1,066 yards. Backing them will be senior Derek Jenkins, Eric Foxx, and John Edmond. Receivers with experience are Jerry Hartman and Andre Crawford, backed by senior Johnny Sowell, Russell Payne, and Troy Douglas. Returning regulars in the offensive line are center Mitch Love (6-5, 250), All-SC guard Ed Boyd (6-3, 250), and tackles Mike Callaway (6-6, 250) and Jay Wilson (6-4, 250). Senior Todd Dodson (6-4, 245) has experience.

The defense returns starters Fred Irby, James Hardman (6-4, 250), and Chris Patton (6-3, 225) in the line. They are backed by lettermen John Hooten, Chris Moore, Norman Horn, and Paul Sheets. Junior Cedric Felton sparks the linebacking contingent, teaming with lettermen Scott Clegg, Roger Fracker, Dino Hackett, and Tim Knox. Veterans Struggy Smith and Everett Withers top the secondary, backed by three-year letterman Keith Register, Keith Kairston, Troy Johnson, and Brian Kimball. The defense also features Mark Royals, second in the league with his 71 punts for a 43.3-yard average.

MARSHALL

(4-7, 3-4) The Thundering Herd has a new trail boss, coach Stan Parrish, off the Purdue staff, replacing Sonny Randle. His is a rebuilding job, in spite of the statistical fact that 16 of last season's starters return to the pack.

Parrish, his previous head coaching assignment at Division III Wabash College (42-3-1 in five years), will use a swarming style of defense. The unit has seven regulars returning, bolstering the line. Soph Alan Huff (6-2, 220) is the nose guard, seniors Jeff Borman (6-3, 240) and James Wynes (6-2, 227) are the tackles, backed by Mike Salmons, Chuck Felty, Ethan Fields, and Norval Curtis. Senior Marty Palazeti returns at end, teaming with senior Eric Griffith and soph David Clay. Experience shows at linebacker, where senior John Logan (6-2, 209) has his starting role again, paired with senior Tony Lellie (6-2, 210), Bill Salmons, and John Ceglie. Seniors Mike Copenhaver and Leon Simms spark the secondary, along with the experienced Garfield Lewis and Todd Brown.

Utilizing the pro set, the Herd's offense will favor a controlled passing game. Last season the ground game dominated. Quarterback Carl Fodor gets the starting call again as a junior, having 60 completions for 802 yards. He is backed up by Tim Kendrick. Senior Robert Surratt (381 yards) is the tailback, with potential replacements in freshmen Mike Beasley, Daryl Debose, and Billy Thompson. Junior Randy Clarkson (171 yards) is fullback. Senior Ken Conway is the tight end, and the top receivers are Brian Swisher (32 catches), Billy Hynes, and Danny Abercrombie. Starters again in the line include Rob Bowers (6-3, 260) and Steve Wendt (6-2, 269) at tackles, Steve Stall (6-4, 241) at guard (with soph Steve Staley), and senior Juan Stout (6-3, 263) at center. Kicker Scott LaTulipe adds to the experience of the Herd.

THE CITADEL

(3-8, 1-6) Coach Tom Moore's second season at his alma mater arrives with a tone of optimism, but nothing totally out of the rebuilding stage. The Bulldogs finished last in the conference in defense (418.6 yards per foe), and even though the attack was second in pass offense, the rushing game (47.2 yards) could not be found.

The offensive line must be considered a strength since it returns all five starters as well as the three top backups. Junior Marvin Orange (6-4, 225) is the center, Dave Garner (6-2, 250), All-SC honorable mention, and Ray Goins (6-2, 220) are the guards, and Jim Gabrish (6-4, 250) and John Maher (6-4, 255) are the tackles. Lettermen backing them include Bo Willard, Clint Smith, and Jim Petty.

Quarterback Robert Hill (6-1, 185) rated second in total offense in the league, hitting 55.4 percent of 314 passes for 1,932 yards and 12 TDs. The receivers again will be junior Victor Frazier (34 catches, 447 yards) and Freddie Johnson. Others are Lee Glaze, John Baker, and Kip Ruark. But what little rushing talent there was is now gone. Competing for spots are Shiloh Icenhour, Warren McGrier, and Ray Campbell, with senior Robbie Hair at fullback in the pro set.

Six starters are on defense, where newcomers will get considerable action. In the line are seniors Charlie Anderson (6-2, 225); George Milton, who had ten quarterback sacks; and Jesse Prioleau, plus juniors Billy Johnson and Todd Robbins. Linebackers are Randy Gold (6-3, 200), the leading tackler last fall, and Butch Hill and Cliff Walters. Experience shows in the secondary with Brian Graves, Cedrick Lash, and Dave Lambert, plus sophomore Albert Pressley, who returns after an injury last season. Others are Stanford Glenn, Billy Morgan, and Adrian Williams.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

(2-9, 1-5) The Keydets did not have a good year, and coach Bob Thalman, coming to his fourteenth season at VMI, has a whole clipboard of position switches to improve things. Three of his former offensive players became No. 1 at new spots on defense, where VMI finished next-to-last in the conference last fall. The offense, which generated only 9.1 points per game, must improve.

Thalman has three capable quarterbacks. They include the returning starter, junior Al Comer (6-3, 192), who hit 97 passes for 1,109 yards. He is backed by junior Jim Daly and Jeff Brown, moved from the secondary. Soph Trent Bridges, the runner-up for SC freshman of the year and the league's No. 3 rusher, is at tailback, with three-year letterman Mike Hulyo. Bridges had five touchdowns among his 630 yards. Junior Dan Monahan is at fullback.

Seven lettermen return for the three receiver spots, including starters Steve Pancham (33

catches for 334 yards) at tight end, Billy Tilling (14 for 210) at split end, and Moe Thompson (17 for 233) at flanker. Co-captain Mike Wooten (6-3, 247) returns at center, backed by sophs Robert Burns and Troy Clark. Senior David Twillie is a guard veteran, teaming with Bob Scaglione, while junior Mike Necessary (6-3, 247) tops the tackles, with two players moved from the defense: Neal Felty (6-7, 250) and Derrick Johnson (6-4, 231).

Seven starters went through the defensive wars a year ago. Up front are P.W. Sarver (6-4, 225), moved from the offense, who may start at end with Neil Lowenstein. Tackles with experience are Mark Bornhorst, Steve Palmer (6-3, 248), and Stephone Jones. Junior Louis Rucker tops the linebackers, teaming with soph Cliff Coger, Glen Ralston, and senior John Lee. Co-captain Terry Thompson and Ambrose Phillips head the secondary, along with Bernie Colacicco and Art Massaro, moved from the offense. Ex-cornerback Bill Bowman, recovered from knee surgery, will confine his Keydet activity to punting this time.

DAVIDSON

(2-8, 0-5) Coach Ed Farrell finds the Davidson football program, now coming into its second SC season, getting added recognition. Although the team was ineligible for the title last year, the SC stats included Mike Cate as the No. 2 all-purpose runner and the only contender with yards in all four categories (rushing, receiving, punt returns, KO returns). But Cate, a freshman, suffered a neck injury in the final game to end his playing career, and Farrell finds all his key people gone: rushing leader, passing leader, four top receivers, three of top four scorers, waterboy, etc.

Among 27 lettermen the defense returns nine starters, who must improve. Thrice they gave up 50-plus points. In the line are junior nose guard Ralph Steding (6-1, 235) and tackles Kirk Gavel (6-2, 245), a three-year letterman, and junior Andy Macary (6-2, 245). Ends-linebackers in the 5-2 are again Carl Bynum, Scott Morrison, Micah Downing, and Chuck Goff, all juniors, backed by Marcus Allen, D.E. Wright, and Jerry May. The secondary has four lettermen: Tony Smith, D.D. Wright, Doug Neil, and Soph Gary Stewart.

Regulars again in the Wildcat offensive line are junior center Lou Krempel (6-1, 240), guards Tyronne Fore (6-1, 245) and Larry Spears (5-10, 245), and tackles Russ West (6-1, 240) and Bill Warner (6-4, 245). Other linemen with experience include Ernie Andrews, Keith Rawlins, and sophomores Shawn Hill (6-3, 250) and Gary Branch (6-3, 240). Two seniors are at tight ends, Bob Coxe (6-3, 220) and Scott Brendle (6-2, 220), but the receiving corps finds newcomers.

Fullback is the strength of the backfield, with senior Mike Longmire and junior Horace Manor. Senior David Turner may have the running-back assignment, with Jay Poag, who also does the punting, moved from the secondary to wingback. Senior Jeff Haney (who had 43 attempts last fall) and soph Steve Bradley are at the quarterback spot. Each had a touchdown throw as his season highlight. They want this fall to be more thrilling.

Davidson defensive backs Tony Smith (#10) and D.E. Wright (#17) with linebacker Stockton Whitten

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(7-3,4-0) Although 12 starters and 34 lettermen return, the Bulldogs face perhaps their most severe challenge to MEAC supremacy in years. For a change, offense rather than defense could be State's strong suit.

Bill Davis, 44-13 and four league titles in five years at the helm, must replace a posse of proven performers, including All-America offensive tackle Ralph Green and dynamite defensive back Barney Bussey. He fears inexperience at linebacker. The Bulldogs, however, do have weapons. Offensive guard Johnoson Crutchfield could be the league's top blocker, and fullback Frankie Darby (542 yards, five TDs) and tailback Steve Cobb (461 yards, 9 TDs) are solid. Converted quarterback John Gentry found a home at wide receiver.

Although five All-MEAC defenders are gone, the Bulldogs can count on cornerback Myles Darling, ends Terry Nichols and James McRae, and tackle Ronnie Yarborough.

Davis liked most of the things he saw in spring practice, with the exception of the passing game. But foes can take no comfort in that: the Bulldogs seldom pass.

DELAWARE STATE

(7-3-1,3-1) The Hornets put together the school's finest season in over two decades last fall, and now coach Joe Purzycki can count 19 starters among his 45 returnees.

Nine starters are back on the offensive unit that ranked second in NCAA Division I-AA in rushing (3,177 yards). Quarterback Pat Spencer directs the wing-T attack, with Gene Lake (school-record 1,069 yards rushing, 10 TDs) and Duane Henry (550 yards rushing) ripping off real estate in huge chunks. Tackle Franz Kappel (6-3, 260) leads the seasoned offensive line. Spencer's accuracy, 35 percent, leaves something to be desired in the passing department. But he's effective, throwing for 1,148 yards and 15 TDs last season. The prime target is John Taylor, who caught 22 for 654 yards (almost 30 yards per reception) and nine TDs.

Tackles Joe Lane and Fred Thompson anchor the defensive line, and Bertram Chew and Dan Coppedge leave the linebacking posts in good hands. The secondary, however, could be a trouble spot.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(4-4-1,1-3) The Wildcats racked up some nice statistics in their first season under coach Larry Little last fall. "Now, we've got to get some more wins," says the Miami Dolphins' former all-pro.

The defense, which restricted foes to 232 yards per game, remains strong with two-time All-MEAC back John Bostic the ringleader. He gets plenty of aid from linebacker Jonathan Perry and tackle Varon Mobley.

All-league quarterback Bernard Hawk (1,756 yards, 13 TDs passing) returns to make life miserable for opposing secondaries. His favorite target is wide receiver Leon Gonzales (43 catches, 718 yards, six TDs). Center Clenner Goodman and tackle Charles Robinson lead the linemen. The Wildcats need help at running back, where Reggie Rucker is the top returnee, at least statistically. He gained 183 yards on 59 carries in 1983.

HOWARD

(1-9,1-3) After building South Carolina State into a powerhouse, Willie Jeffries spent the last five seasons directing Wichita State's football fortunes. He resigned to take command at Howard this year, and the Bison faithful anticipate drastic improvement. That will likely come to pass. But it might take a while. Jeffries inherits a squad that fell apart down the stretch in 1983, and the rebuilding project will not be completed overnight.

Jeffries stresses defense, and that unit has experience. All-league Martin Brown, Carroll Hughes, and Robert Sellers make the linebacking the team's strongest position. Harold Gilkey, Charles Scott, and Vernon Robinson have experience on the line, and Chuck Taylor, Chris Jackson, and Earl Kinney lend experience to the secondary.

Injuries decimated the offensive line a year ago, and the Bison attack force will again be young. The line will be built around center Robert Day (6-2, 245) and tackle Robert Lewis (6-4, 260). The running game automatically improves if injury-prone Melvin Sutton stays healthy. Jon Nicolaisen gives the Bison an all-league kicker. The future is bright for Harvey Reed, a running back from Florida who could be the best ever recruited at Howard.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(3-7-1,1-3) For the first time in his three seasons, Aggies' coach Mo Forte can count on some size and experience in the offensive line. He hopes that's a sign that better days are ahead.

Guards Marvin Heygood (6-0, 230) and Steve McCormick (6-2, 230) and tackle Larry Taylor (6-3, 270) will be starting for the third year on the offensive front. Quarterback Alvin Greer returns to direct the offense, but he might be pushed by hotshot recruit Alan Hooker. Jessie Britt and Herbert Harbison are proven receivers. Replacing Mike Jones at tailback will be easier said than done. He set school records in several categories and last season rushed for 941 yards and eight touchdowns. Juan Jackson, Stoney Poleni, and Ken Siler are the top candidates for the job.

The defensive line is a question mark, with inexperience everywhere. On the plus side, Jeff Franklin, Landrick McLain, and Earnest Riddick form a solid trio at linebacker; Tim Williams heads the secondary.

MORGAN STATE

(2-8, 0-0) The Bears fell on hard time last year, slumping to 2-8 and posting one of the worst records in the school's history. They'll still be young this season, but coach James Phillips, beginning his second campaign, sees much better days ahead.

Phillips, who had his first recruiting year last winter, hopes he finds a quarterback among his freshmen. "All jobs are open," he says. One job that's really not up for grabs belongs to receiver Arnold Clinton. He's blessed with pro possibilities. Randy Quarles tops the offensive linemen, and the trio of Alphonso Harris, Steve Jones, and Eric Sessions leads the candidates at the running backs. Cornell Dowdy is proven in the defensive backfield.

Although the Bears dropped to Division II in recent years, the schedule remained tough. Moving up to I-AA makes the building challenge a bit stiffer.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

VIRGINIA UNION

(10-2, 6-1) Joe Taylor inherits a hot seat, and he knows it. "From what I can tell, 8-2 would be considered a losing season here," he said upon being named head football coach at Virginia Union. Indeed, Taylor basically will be seeking to improve on perfection. The Panthers own three straight CIAA crowns and racked up a 106-32-4 record in 13 seasons under Willard Bailey. To make Taylor's task a bit more challenging, Bailey, now head coach at Norfolk State, will be a threat to supremacy. But on the other hand, 16 starters return from the 1983 squad that lost only to Hampton Institute before falling to North Alabama in the Division II playoffs.

Defense will remain the Panthers' trademark. Virginia Union has led the league in defense for three straight years, and folks like linebacker Samuel Grooms and defensive back John Warren ought to make it happen again. Grooms intercepted five passes and led the defense against the run last year. Warren picked off six passes. Overall, the Panthers permitted only 8.6 points per game.

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VIRGINIA STATE

(4-6, 2-5) After dropping their first four games last season, the Trojans began to click. Eighteen starters return from that fast-finishing squad, giving coach George Moody plenty of reasons to expect the school's first winning season since 1979.

The defense should be stout, with end James Ward (6-5, 240), linebackers John Green (6-0, 240) and Emile Moore 6-0, 220), and free safety Mark Robinson (6-4, 186) leading the cast. Ward and Robinson earned all-league honors. Tackle Rudy Goodwine (6-3, 270) heads the interior line.

Guards Michael Irby (6-0, 255) and Melvin Walker (5-11, 240) are three-year starters who will anchor the offensive line. Senior Allen Butler, the starter until injured, and junior Marshall Trotter, two wins in two starts, put the quarterback slot in good hands, and sophomore Von Allen headlines the ground attack. Allen rushed for 537 yards and caught 11 passes for another 153 yards. Wide receiver Rolando Graham provides a deep target.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE

(5-5, 4-3) Fred Freeman, architect of the Pirates' wicked defensive units for three seasons, moves to the head coach's chair. His first mission is obvious: find an offense. Hampton simply must improve on its average of 16 points per game. There's help in that area, for ten starters return. And the formation will be different. Gone is the wing-T, in is the I formation. Carl Painter (533 yards rushing) and John Clark (444) provide quality and experience, and transfer Clarence Bailey (22 TDs, 2,279 yards rushing in junior college) will be a plus. Experience should help offensive linemen Steve Hudson (6-4, 230), Herbert Herring (6-3, 255), and Gary Westberry (6-2, 230) provide more daylight.

Hampton Institute's James McNair is a two-time All-CIAA choice.

Defense remains the Pirates' pride and joy. Even though Little All-Americas Nepton Speller and Phil Harrison are among the missing, Hampton's resistance force remains fierce. The main men this year will be middle guard Ike Readon (6-2, 285) and linebacker Reggie Jackson (6-0, 230). An added weapon is punter George Fayson, the league's best.

NORFOLK STATE

(5-5, 3-4) Willard Bailey returns to his alma mater after dominating the league in recent seasons at Virginia Union. The monster he left behind could make his move seem strange, but the Spartans' cupboard is not exactly bare. Bailey (106-32-4 in 13 seasons at Virginia Union) inherits 17 starters—eight on offense, nine on defense—from a break-even team. On the minus side is the absence of tailback Orlando Goodhope, who led the Spartans in rushing for four straight years and accounted for 112.7 yards per game rushing and receiving. Tackle Ernest Hines, a 6-7, 270-pound senior, leads the offensive front. Willie Gillus returns at quarterback, but he must improve on his 38 percent passing accuracy and cut down on his 19 interceptions. Fullback Anthony Johnson (334 yards rushing) will carry more of the offensive load.

Bailey's Virginia Union clubs sparkled on defense, and the trend should continue here. Linebacker Leon Smith, an all-conference selection, and back Glenn Jones lead the unit

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ST. PAUL'S

(7-3, 4-3) The Tigers shocked the CIAA last season. Picked to experience more hard times, they posted a 7-3 record in their second season under coach Daniel Antolik. Gone is the element of surprise, but the 20 starters who return will be much more experienced. Improved speed is another plus. The biggest negative is the lack of size on both lines.

The men who captured the offensive headlines a year ago are back. Tailback Anthony Mills stepped off 835 yards rushing and scored 12 touchdowns to rank among the national leaders. Quarterback Mike Mayfield completed half of his 112 passes for 762 yards and seven scores. He led the league in passing efficiency. Although only 5-7, junior Anthony Holloman is a dangerous receiver.

Linebacker Larry Winters and back John Jones are the defensive ringleaders. Winters took part in 66 tackles and also found time to average 21.7 yards on kickoff returns. Jones made 75 tackles, intercepted five passes, recovered two fumbles, blocked a kick, broke up five passes, and even recorded a sack.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

(3-7, 2-5) The Vikings struggled a bit in their first season under coach Thurlis Little. The presence of 14 starters would ordinarily provide optimism, but the CIAA's Northern Division is loaded with tough foes this year.

Senior Reg Langhorne ranked second in the league in receiving last year, catching 36 for 704 yards. Quarterback Eddie Morris returns, and experience should help the junior improve on his 34.9 accuracy.

The Vikings ranked No. 1 nationally in pass defense a year ago, limiting the opposition to 65 completions in 180 attempts for 650 yards in ten games. They also intercepted 17. A big reason for the success is Reginald Banks in the secondary. Rushing defense, however, must improve. The Vikings ranked eleventh in the league against the run.

N.C. Central QB Gerald Fraylon

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

(8-1-1, 6-1) Bumped out of the CIAA Southern Division throne room for the first time in three years last fall, the Eagles plan to return this season. Their chances rate somewhere between good and excellent.

With record-breaking quarterback Gerald Fraylon back for his senior season, North Carolina Central will keep the score keeper busy. Fraylon, who almost certainly will become the CIAA's all-time leader in passing and total offense, threw for 1,579 yards and 14 touchdowns a year ago. His percentage, a sub-par 38, could use improvement. Tackle Gerald Patton (6-3, 250) heads an offensive line that returns a bevy of veterans. All-conference Robert Clark (41 catches, 858 yards, six TDs) and Robert Green (22 catches, 367 yards, six TDs) provide sure-handed targets, and Clifton Kersey (801 yards rushing) is another all-star on the attack force.

The defense carries its share of the load, too, and looks to improve on its yield of only 202.9 yards per game (sixth nationally). Tackles James Eric Perry (6-2, 280) and Kim Byrom (6-2, 230) anchor the line, and Melvin Wallace heads a veteran secondary. The linebackers, led by Stacey Ross and Gregory Tate, are tried and true.

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

(8-2-1, 6-0-1) For two straight years, the Rams have refused to be predictable. They confounded the prognosticators by falling flat in 1982, and did the same by marching to the CIAA Southern Division title last season. They rank no worse than co-favorite in the Southern this time, so coach William Hayes figures there's no time like the present to live up to their billing.

All-star center Danny Moore (6-3, 252) heads a veteran offensive cast that returns eight regulars. Soph Leonardo Horne (615 yards rushing, 10 TDs) and senior Thomas Turner (515 yards in seven games) provide a nice one-two running punch, and senior James Watson (16 catches for 423 yards and six TDs) leads the receiving corps. Replacing quarterback Karlton Watson, who guided the CIAA's most productive offense (376.6 yards per game), is a top priority.

While the offense could be the Rams' best since the days of Timmy Newsome and Kermit Blount, five holes must be plugged on defense. Look for end Dan Bryson (6-3, 237) to spark the unit.

LIVINGSTONE

(5-4, 3-4) Jo Jo White will be a marked man this fall. That's nothing new, he's been the Bears' top threat for three seasons now. Give him average production, say about 1,000 yards, this year, and he'll become the CIAA's all-time leading rusher. A 170-pounder, White averaged 125 yards a game (No. 3 nationally) in helping Livingstone climb over the break-even mark. A bunch of starters, ten on offense, nine on defense, makes the prospects brighter in coach Mel Rose's fourth season. All-CIAA tackle Keith Johnson leads a veteran offensive line, and Rose can choose from among four quarterbacks with starting experience. Junior Glen George and senior Greg Stroman head into fall practice atop the depth chart. Replacing fullback James Davis (473 yards), an excellent blocker, is a chore. Receiver/return specialist Walter Hand is a threat from anywhere on the field.

All-CIAA Angelo Chapman and Wayne Benjamin fill two linebacker spots. Cutting back on the defensive yield of almost 21 points a game is the primary goal. For a bonus, junior place-kicker Paul Ford is the league's best.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE

(1-8-1, 1-5-1) The Broncos experienced one of those years that tries a coach's soul in '83. They lost five times by a touchdown or less, including a seven-point verdict to Virginia Union. In addition, Fayetteville battled Southern champion Winston-Salem State to a draw.

"I believe there is life after 1983," says coach Bill Head, who counts 17 starters among his 22 lettermen. A sign of improvement is that veteran quarterback Kevin Wardlaw, who guided the league's fourth-best offense, faces a battle to keep his job. Only one regular is missing from an offensive front that will include tackles Walter Wallace and Charles Lovelace, guards Chae Harris and Melvin McNeill, center Steven Armstrong, and tight end Moses Ford. Ben Knox (553 yards rushing, five TDs) heads the running corps from his fullback post.

Eight regulars are back on the defensive unit that ranked fifth in the league with a yield of only 16.6 points a game. Top performers include end Ken McRae and middle guard Otis Ransaw, an all-league candidate despite his lack of size (5-6, 205). Martin Ricks, a two-year starter, paces the secondary, and Irving Drake and Dwayne Kinston the linebacking.

JOHNSON C. SMITH

(2-8, 2-5) A not-so-funny thing happened to the Golden Bulls on their way to what was expected to be a banner season in 1983. They crashed instead, and coach Wylie Harris resigned after a 1-6 start. Losing all-star linebacker Craig Warren created part of the problem. His 178 tackles in 1982 could not be replaced. He's back now, and that should be a giant-sized plus for Horace Small, the interim boss who was named coach in April.

Junior quarterback Eddie Glaze operates the Bulls' option offense, and speedsters Darryl Wesley and Jeff Easterling provide breakaway threats. Soph Tracey Gaines sparkles at wide receiver. The line, however, could be a problem on offense. Monstrous tackles Kelvin White (6-4, 280) and Robert Wright (6-6, 290) must deliver.

Warren's return guarantees defensive improvement, and junior middle guard John Logan (6-0, 275) accounted for 83 tackles last season. Billy Banks is solid at outside linebacker, and the coaching staff is counting on Tony White to assist Warren on the inside.

BOWIE STATE

(1-9, 1-6) After finishing eleventh in scoring offense (13.4 points per game) and twelfth in scoring defense (30.7) a year ago, the Bulldogs obviously can only improve. John Organ believes that just might happen. "We went into the fourth quarter in most of our games with a chance to win," he said. "Our goal will be to eliminate those costly mistakes."

Experience should help curb some of the errors. The offense returns practically the entire line, quarterback Arthur Lee, and running back Mike Gaskill. Gaskill, now a soph, set several school records in rushing for 632 yards in nine games, and Lee hurled for 1,172 yards and ten TDs. Tackle Phil Schisler leads the offensive front.

Strong safety Fran Stevens, tackle Ted Green, and end James Quarles pace the defense that figures to be significantly improved. Cornerback Tracy Johnson and linebacker Wendell Moore return to starting berths, too.

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CARSON-NEWMAN

(10-3, 6-1) Just like last season, the Eagles own the role of favorite in the South Atlantic Conference. But even though 43 lettermen return from the NAIA national championship squad, their task will not be easy.

Linebacker Pat Apke headlines the cast. He participated in 147 tackles, broke up three passes, intercepted four, collected a quarterback sack, and recovered four fumbles last season. No wonder he made All-America. End Lamar Brown and tackle Barry Mouser, a second-team All-America, anchor the defensive front, and free safety Tim Foutz and back Dan Leighton take care of the secondary.

Larry Smith (1,286 yards, 15 TDs) and Ted Marcus (738 yards, five TDs) highlight the Eagles' tough ground game, and quarterback Jeff Joslin can run (346 yards, four TDs) or pass (661 yards, two TDs). They operate behind a tested line led by Jimmie Covington, Brad Spivey, and Rick Oler.

The experience in the defensive line and a couple of spots in the secondary are not what coach Ken Sparks would like. But the overall picture is rosy.

NEWBERRY

(6-5, 3-4) The Indians went up and down like a yo-yo en route to a 6-5 season last fall. Coach Clayton Johnson hopes experience (49 lettermen return) can curb the trend and keep his club consistent.

Newberry should improve on its 21 points a game scoring average, with second-team All-America running back John Nesbitt (1,005 yards) and quarterback Jimmy Skipper (1,339 yards passing, eight TDs) leading the way. Wide receivers D.J. Johnson and Jim Sartin provide excellent targets, and Jeff Godbee heads an experienced forward wall.

Newberry surrendered almost 18 points a game in '83, and slicing the yield is a top priority for a defense that returns eight starters. Linemen Mark Kennedy and Darryl Suber head the unit.

This is the third season in Johnson's building program and will likely see the school's best team in years. It's good enough to challenge for the SAC-8 crown.

PRESBYTERIAN

(5-5-1, 4-2-1) When the Blue Hose dropped three of their first four games, the possibility of a terrible season loomed. But coach Cally Gault regrouped his club and brought Presbyterian home second in the league. Along the way, they hammered national-champ-to-be Carson-Newman, 28-7.

Gault likes a lot of things about his '84 squad, especially his defensive tackles. Robert Williams and Lawrence Jackson are two of the school's best ever and join cornerback Charles Huff in providing an excellent cornerstone for the unit.

Ted Stephens stepped in at quarterback at midseason and got the offense clicking. He'll be better with experience this year, and the Blue Hose have added a wrinkle or two to suit his talents. The offensive line is loaded with veteran starters, but that area presented problems last year. Kent Larry and Phillip Rippy will handle the tailback chores.

"The other folks don't think too much of us," says Gault, noting the preseason poll placing the Blue Hose fourth. "That's the lowest we've been picked in the conference in a while, and I hope we can prove them wrong."

ELON

(7-3, 4-3) The Fighting Christians won back-to-back NAIA national titles in 1980 and '81 and now have finished 7-3 the last two seasons. That's a pretty good stretch; Elon will be depending on defense to keep it going.

Macky Carden is the Christians' new head coach, and he will be searching for seven first-time offensive starters. One position he won't worry about is quarterback, where Sam Fromhart returns to direct the attack. Center Thomas Kilcrease and tackle Clay Hazzard are proven on the offensive line, but the rest of the line and the backs lack experience.

Royce Fentress anchors the defense from his linebacker post. Eight regulars return from the unit that allowed only 11.5 points a game last year. Tackle Lewis Bullock and back Jeff Knox join Fentress in the all-star category.

MARS HILL

(4-6-1, 3-3-1) Rick Gilstrap inherited a general mess upon taking the reins of the Mars Hill program. The Lions had even forfeited a game in 1982 after the firing of coach Hoot Gibson. But Gilstrap got the club back on the track in a hurry. Using defense for a cornerstone, the Lions posted a 4-6-1 record. They struggled at times but restricted the opposition to fewer than ten points on five occasions.

The defense will again be counted on to carry the load, with linebacker Todd Reeves leading the way. Tackle Mike Cross and middle guard Darrin McNeeley provide a nice base for the line, and all-conference safety Kevin Barnette will start for the third year.

Youth in the offensive line could be a problem, but Gilstrap likes the possibilities. Tackle Allen Scott is the only major loss. Soph Sean Bowles started all 11 games at quarterback, but he must cut down on his 21 interceptions.

GARDNER-WEBB

(5-6, 4-3) The Bulldogs lost some tough-to-replace personnel, but the cupboard is not totally bare. Woody Fish takes over as head coach and finds a sparkling offensive backfield and defensive line. There are potential problems, though, on the offensive front and in the secondary.

Quarterback Al Bianco (948 yards passing), running back Walter Hardnett (575 yards), transfer running back Tony Campbell, and wide receiver Irvin Jones (18 catches, 542 yards) should move the football . . . if the line delivers. Only one starter returns.

Tackle Wayne Hall, guard Tim Hardie, and linebacker Darryl Perry form a solid defensive base. The secondary, however, is green. The Bulldogs also feature the nation's No. 2 NAIA kicker, Todd Brantley (42.3 yards per punt), a weapon Fish, of course, hopes he won't have to use too often.

LENOIR-RHYNE

(4-6, 2-5) The Bears are yet another team with a stout defense and plenty of question marks on offense. Certainly they cannot hope to climb too far until those 42 turnovers are cut at least in half.

John Perry is Lenoir-Rhyne's new head coach, and he inherits 36 veterans, 16 of them starters. Finding a quarterback is his biggest concern. Incumbent quarterback Brian Dalen missed spring practice with a knee injury, thus clouding the picture. Matt Klenke could earn the job. Lemont Jones (489 yards rushing) and Bruce Ikard (342) are solid at fullback, and Terrence Steward, Arthez Woodruff, and Jimi Thick are dependable receivers. However, the offensive line is thin after four-year starter Paul Pendleton (6-2, 270).

Linebackers Joe Willie, Sam Chambers, and Wade Barrett, tackle Jim Dickerson, and back Eddy Hickman lead the defense.

CATAWBA

(0-9-1, 0-7) The Indians came up empty for the second straight season against conference foes in '83, and coach Pete Stout, beginning his second year, looks for improvement. One reason is a good recruiting year: six former all-state players transferred to Catawba.

After really tough times early, the Indians finished with a tie and three close losses in their final four games. Keeping the momentum will be important. Quarterback Bobby Myers, who threw for 316 yards in the season's finale, and fullback Reggie White (388 yards rushing) provide promise in the backfield. They'll operate behind a new line. Soph linemen Richard Rines and Cullen Jordan join strong safety Todd Armstrong on defense.

The solid recruiting class will team with 40 lettermen to give the Indians realistic hope for better days. But climbing too high in the standings will be expecting a lot.

Elon quarterback Sam Fromhart

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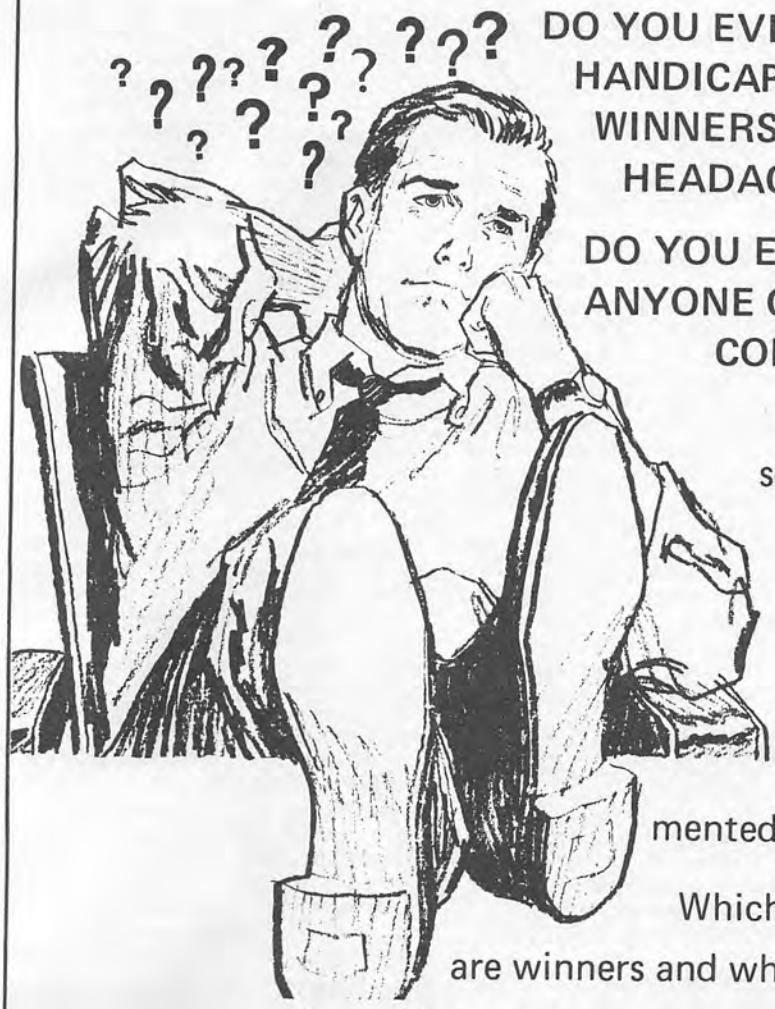

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by BILL CONNORS TULSA WORLD

Al McGuire defines his favorite game this this way: "Basketball is playing at home." Happily, the chances against visiting teams are not weighted so heavily in football. Nevertheless, in a year when the Big Eight Conference is bristling with change and Nebraska must replace five offensive stars who signed professional contracts worth a reported $12 million, the Cornhuskers are favored to win their fourth consecutive league championship because of a schedule that gives them a home advantage. Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, and Missouri, the teams threatening Nebraska and comparably armed, play at Nebraska.

O-State and Missouri have more than a reasonable chance to break the Oklahoma-Nebraska championship monopoly that has existed since 1961. But Missouri plays each of the three contenders on the road. Oklahoma State plays Nebraska at Lincoln, where the Cowboys have not won since 1960,and Oklahoma at Norman, where they have won but twice in four decades.

Consequently, when a race that appears the closest since 1976 is over, the guess here

Tom Osborne

is that Nebraska will prevail and earn another berth in the Orange Bowl. Barely. This is not a superior team, as it was when it missed the last two national championships by a total of six points. Rather it will be a top 20 team, perhaps a top 10 team. But so might Oklahoma, returning to the wishbone and excited about prospects of ending a three-year recession, and Oklahoma State and Missouri, each of whom has more proven assets than the Cornhuskers.

The defending champion will also be taxed in the Missouri Valley Conference. But unlike Nebraska, Tulsa will play its chief challenger, Indiana State, on the road—and without the 1,000-yard running backs who in recent years dominated a league with a passing image. But Tulsa, the Valley's only member with I-A classification, is slightly favored to win its fifth straight championship.

The favorable home schedule aside, the Cornhuskers have an experienced defense and the capacity of their program to rebuild is unmatched. Armies of redshirts and walk-ons enable Nebraska to live with scholarship limits and never suffer much off a fall-off in talent.

Even Nebraska, of course, cannot replace rare talents like Mike Rozier, Turner Gill, Irving Fryar, and Dean Steinkuhler. But the Cornhuskers might have a better fullback than Mark Schellen, the fifth member of a we-are-all-rich-now cast, and better players than most other teams at eery position except quarterback. And their defense, faulted for allowing the national championship to slip away, should be improved. Ironically, Nebraska's defense might benefit from the leveling off of the offense. The Cornhuskers scored so fast last year that their defense was on the field an inordinate amount of time.

Tom Osborne did not sound like a coach who expected his team to tail off a lot this year. "We should be in the ball park and [we hope], contend for the conference championship," Osborne said. In place of the breathtaking offense that was the highest scoring team in college history, Osborne expects to have "a team that plays more ball control and [is] still pretty good. About the only position where we don't have people who have played is quarterback. We have a question there."

Oklahoma has more question marks than Nebraska. The Sooners will attempt to develop a wishbone with unprecedented passing and rebuild a defense that looked better in the NFL draft than it ever did against strong opponents. But Barry Switzer, under pressure and denied what had become an annual contract extension, thinks the Sooners are capable of surprising. They have six players who made first- or second-team all-conference.

If tradition could be ignored and evaluation confined to talent and experience, Oklahoma State or Missouri might be the preseason favorite. In fact, two coaches (Osborne and Iowa State's Jim Criner) picked the Cowboys to win the Big Eight. They have the most experienced team, the quickest and perhaps best defense, the best receivers, and fascinating tailbacks. Before leaving OSU in June to become the coach of Miami, Jimmy Johnson picked Nebraska, but said, "We can play with them."

Pat Jones, elevated from defensive coordinator to replace Johnson, said: "Before you can be favored in this league you have to beat Oklahoma and Nebraska—something we have not done. But we have the talent and speed to have a chance." Jones assured a smooth transition by retaining all of Johnson's assistant coaches and planned only one strategic change: more first-down passing, perhaps off an option play, a no-no with Johnson.

Missouri has a better formula than Oklahoma State for winning championships: the conference's best quarterback plus the best defensive line. Missouri coach Warren Powers said: "There is so much uncertainty at Nebraska and Oklahoma, I don't see how you can pick a favorite. But we should be there contending for the title. We're closer than we've ever been to being a great team."

If Missouri or OSU should win a clear-cut championship, it would be the first time Nebraska and Oklahoma had been shut out of at least a share of the title since Colorado won it outright in 1961. The two superpowers have won or shared 36 of the last 38 titles. Regard-

predictions

big eight conference

1. Nebraska, 2. Oklahoma, 3. Oklahoma State, 4. Missouri, 5. Iowa State, 6. Kansas State, 7. Colorado, 8. Kansas

missouri valley conference

1. Tulsa, 2. Indiana State. 3. Wichita State, 4. Illinois State, 5. Southern Illinois, 6. Drake, 7. West Texas State

north central conference

1. Nebraska-Omaha, 2. North Dakota State, 3. South Dakota, 4. North Dakota, 5. Mankato State, 6. St. Cloud State, 7. Northern Colorado,8. Augustana, 9. Morningside, 10. South Dakota State*

* ineligible for the title in 1984

less of who prevails, the first division is apt to look like scrambled eggs. As Colorado's Bill McCartney, who picked Nebraska, pointed out, the difference between finishing first and fourth might be no more than one fumble and a field goal.

Not since 1976—when six teams had a chance to win the championship with two games left, and Colorado, Oklahoma, and OSU shared the title—has the race looked so wide open. The gap between the first and second division, however, is spacious. Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas State, and Kansas are closely bracketed, and all but Kansas expect to be improved.

"There are four very good teams in this league and the rest of us are scrambling," Kansas coach Mike Gottfried said.

While the conference has uncommon quality at center, candidates for All-America at every position, several precious sophomore linemen, and five returning starters at quarterback, the player who may decide the race is an untested quarterback of uncertain ability: Craig Sundberg ofNebraska. A fifth-year senior, Sundberg is believed to be a competent passer. But it is doubtful Sundberg can approach the all-purpose excellence and flair of Gill, who could handle everything in the imaginative Osborne's playbook. Osborne acknowledged Sundberg is slower than Gill and less of a scrambler and said, "We might not be able to run everything we did last year, but we plan to keep the option and do the same things we did last year."

If Sundberg does not cause Osborne to compromise his plans, the Cornhuskers should prevail. Tailback Jeff Smith is solid and backed by fine understudies. Jeff Rathman will be an all-conference possibility at fullback, Osborne thinks. The offensive line will be representative, with center Mark Traynowicz tapped to seek Nebraska's fourth straight Outland Award and sixth in 14 seasons. The defense was jolted when All-Big Eight linebacker Mike Knox suffered a knee injury in the spring game that will sideline him until 1985. But quicker linebackers, a deeper line, and the conference's most experienced secondary, featuring safety Bret Clark, encourage Osborne.

Tailback Jeff Smith leads the offense and tackle Rob Stuckey (#75) the defense for Nebraska.

From a distance, it might appear that Oklahoma is due to continue the plunge that began in 1981 and to slip to its so-so level of the mid-60s. The Sooners have not had such an unsettled look, on the surface at least, since 1970, when they jumped on the wishbone and took off for an uninterrupted decade on top. Their offense is dependent on the same personnel that self-destructed last year with turnovers, penalties, and defective blocking. Their defense is dependent on redshirt frosh.

But Switzer relishes his team's unsuspecting look. He thinks it is deceptive. Ending a two-season marriage with the I-formation that became incompatible after Marcus Dupree's defection, the Sooners will use a wishbone with more and better passing. It will be easier to execute for the linemen and will exploit Danny Bradley, who Switzer predicts will be the Big Eight's best quarterback. No Big Eight team has better runners than halfbacks Spencer Tillman, Earl Johnson, and Steve Sewell and fullback Fred Sims (assuming he returns from junior college). The defense hs two of the conference's best players in end Kevin Murphy and nose guard Tony Casillas. Except for the tackles, the newcomers who surround Murphy and Casillas are more highly regarded than their predecessors who dominated the first two rounds of the NFL draft.

The reason cited by rivals for Oklahoma State's contending status is a defense that used extraordinary speed—the 11 starters' average time in the 40 was 4.69—to offset a lack of size and made the blitz its hallmark. Tackle Leslie O'Neal "the next great tackle from this conference," Barry Switzer predicted, has All-America ability. But the reason the Cowboys, who lost to Nebraska and Oklahoma by a combined five points last year, might close the gap is an improved offense. It remains average in the line, but the receivers, featuring Malcolm Lewis, and running backs, with All-Big Eight tailback Shawn Jones pressed by Charles Crawford, are outstanding. Quarterback Rusty Hilger is coming off an MVP performance in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

If Missouri finishes fourth, K-State coach Jim Dickey said, "This is a heckuva league." The Tigers will depend on new running backs and a secondary to be more effective against the bomb. But their lines on defense and offense loom as the Big Eight's best, and Powers has an envied situation at quarterback. Marlon Adler is the conference's No. 1 returning quarterback, but he lost his starting position in spring practice to the more talented Warren Seitz. Most expect Adler to start.

The second division is also expected to be closely contested. Iowa State, a surprise in Criner's first year, anticipates being improved, despite an inexperienced quarterback. The Cyclones will continue to depend on passing, and have flanker Tracy Henderson, the nation's No. 1 returning receiver. But they should run and defend better.

Colorado, so porous on defense in recent years, expects to become respectable because of new linemen. An offense which averaged 22.9 points will add a healed rookie fullback, Eric McCarty.

Kansas State, after a return to the cellar, ties its hopes of being much improved on offense to having quarterback Stan Weber available from the outset. He lit a fire in November. The Wildcats also have some imposing sophomore linemen to bolster their defense.

Kansas is the most inexperienced team, but the Jayhawks think they have the personnel to continue the pass-pass offense Gottfried champions.

Tulsa will tie its hopes of winning the Missouri Valley to Steve Gage, one of six returning quarterbacks in the conference, and to a big, deep, and experienced defensive line. Indiana State will make its bid with All-Valley quarterback Jeff Miller and 16 returning starters. Illinois State might also contend, because of quarterback John Coppens. Wichita State will rebuild under Don Chismar, a former assistant at Arizona State, and Southern Illinois' defending I-AA national champions will rebuild under Ray Dorr, a former assistant at Washington. Drake and West Texas, each a ten-game loser last year, expect to improve but are incapable of contending.

The area's most qualified candidates for All-America are Murphy of Oklahoma, a second-team selection last year, and Henderson of Iowa State, a third-team selection. Four deserving of consideration are Clark and Traynowicz of Nebraska, Casillas of Oklahoma, and O'Neal of Oklahoma State.

North Dakota State's national championship in 1983 adds a great deal of legitimacy to the North Central Conference's long-held belief that it is the toughest Division II conference in the nation. Adding credence to the claim are the facts that the Bison had to share the league title wih Nebraska-Omaha, who beat them, and had to escape from Mankato State with a one-point come-from-behind victory. As a whole, NCC teams compiled a 13-8 mark against nonconference opponents, several of whom were Division I-A or I-AA.

This year there appears to be a three-way race among Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota State, and South Dakota. North Dakota, Mankato State, and St. Cloud State are dark horses. South Dakota State should have a good team, but will not be eligible for the championship because of its decision to play Wyoming rather than Northern Colorado.

NEBRASKA

(12-1, 7-0) The Cornhuskers may never have another backfield to match the wondrous operatives who averaged 50 points per game while winning a third straight conference championship and coming within a two-point conversion pass of winning the national championship. Without Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, No. 1 NFL pick Irving Fryar, and the invaluable Turner Gill, the Cornhuskers cannot possibly be as good in 1984. But Tom Osborne's rivals are not shedding any tears.

Returning are eight starters on a defensive unit that should be better, if for no other reason than the fact that it has had to live by the offseason lash after being blamed for a heartbreaking 31-30 loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl. Also returning is the left side of an all-star offensive line. Add this to the Big Eight's deepest assembly line, Osborne's unsurpassed ability to design high-scoring offenses, and a favorable home schedule and another conference championship seems possible in 1984.

Quarterback Craig Sundberg (190) does not have Gill's ability to scramble and throw deep, but he is a capable passer, around whom Osborne will make adjustments. Jeff Smith (190), who sparked the fourth-quarter rally against Miami after Rozier was injured, has long been considered a first-class tailback; he will have two promising backups, Paul Miles (195) and Doug DuBose (185). Tom Rathman (220) hints of being a better fullback than the departed Mark Schellen. Wingback Shane Swanson (195) lacks Fryar's explosiveness but has better hands and fine speed. Split end Scott Kimball (185) is a proven receiver. Brian Hiemer (220) and Todd Frain (215) are acceptable tight ends.

The best thing these skill-position replacements have going for them is a typical Nebraska line. The refrigerators keep rolling. Center Mark Traynowicz (270), guard Harry Grimminger (260), and tackle Mark Behning (290) are returning starters who will probably harvest all-conference awards and lucrative professional contracts. Earning Osborne's applause, in spring practice, on the right side were guard Greg Orton (250) and tackle Tom Morrow (255).

Nebraska cannot afford to be as soft defensively as it was last year, when opponents scored 217 points and three touchdowns or more in five of the last six games. Except to hold off Oklahoma at the goal line in a 28-21 win, Nebraska's defenders drew few cheers. They were subjected to a tougher offseason program, and each of the nine returning starters was forced to reassert himself in spring practice to retain his position. The best defender, linebacker Mike Knox (235), suffered a knee injury in the spring game that will cause him to miss the entire season.

Marc Munford (225) emerged as a spring find at linebacker and wrested a starting job from returning starter Mark Daum (230).

Fullback Fred Sims (#23), strong safety Keith Stanberry (#19), and quarterback Danny Bradley are three of Oklahoma's top players.

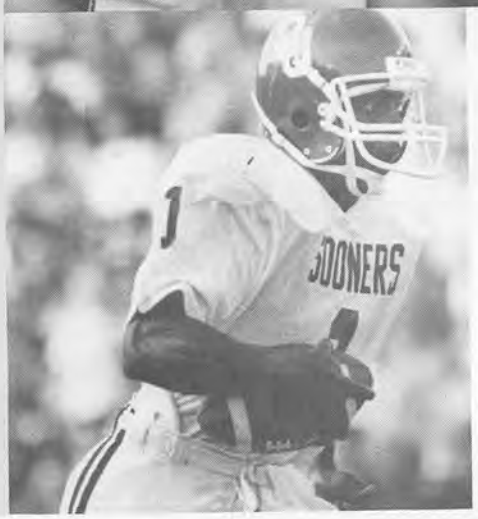
1984 all big eight/valley team

OFFENSE

Quarterback.. Marlon Alder..Sr..Missouri
Running back.. Spencer Tillman..Soph..Oklahoma
Running back.. Shawn Jones..Sr..Oklahoma State
Running back.. Fred Sims..Jr..Oklahoma
Wide receiver.. Tracy Henderson..Jr..Iowa State
Tight end.. Dave Smoldt..Sr..Iowa State
Center.. Mark Traynowicz..Sr..Nebraska
Guard.. Junior Ili..Sr..Colorado
Guard.. Harry Grimminger..Sr..Nebraska
Tackle.. Damian Johnson..Sr..Kansas State
Tackle.. Mark Behning..Sr..Nebraska
Kicker.. Larry Roach..Sr..Oklahoma State

DEFENSE

End.. Kevin Murphy..Sr..Oklahoma
End.. Bill Weber..Sr..Nebraska
Tackle.. Leslie O'Neal..Sr..Oklahoma State
Tackle.. Pat Burns..Sr..Missouri
Nose Guard.. Tony Casillas..Jr..Oklahoma
Linebacker.. Willie Pless..Jr..Kansas
Linebacker.. Tracey Mack..Sr..Missouri
Back.. Bret Clark..Sr..Nebraska
Back.. Keith Stanberry..Sr..Oklahoma
Back.. Terry Matichak..Sr..Missouri
Back.. Albert Myres..Sr..Tulsa
Punter.. Scott Fulhage..Sr..Kansas State



Knox's loss will elevate Daum back to the starting lineup. The secondary should be the Big Eight's best, led by all-conference free safety Bret Clark (200) and cornerback Neil Harris (195), whose two plays at the goal line saved the Oklahoma game. Cornerback Dave Burke (195) and strong safety Mike McCashland (195) complete the all-veteran backfield.

Ends Bill Weber (210) and Scott Stassburger (210) are solid. The area where Osborne seeks improvement is the interior line, where tackle Rob Stuckey (250) is the only returning starter. But nose guard Ken Graeber (250) played a lot last year and tackle Chris Spachman (265), redshirted as a sophomore, was impressive in spring practice.

Scott Livingston, who did not punt enough last year—he didn't have to—to qualify for conference rankings and kicked two of the three field goals he attempted, returns for what should be a season when his services are more needed. The Cornhuskers do not figure to have the luxury of not needing a kicker in 1984. Blowout victories may be few. But with all the contenders to play at Lincoln, the Cornhuskers have a wonderful chance to spend New Year's in Miami for the fourth consecutive year.

OKLAHOMA

(8-4, 5-2) The Sooners will count on the return of an old offense and the arrival of new personnel on defense to end a three-year recession. One year after the defection of Marcus Dupree, Barry Switzer has junked the I-formation that was tailored for the man-child tailback and replaced it with a jazzed-up version of the wishbone. The new model will incorporate considerably more passing than the wishbone that Oklahoma used during the 70s.

A conventional wishbone formation will be Oklahoma's base, and priority will continue to be on running. But if opponents remain as committed to stopping the run as they have in recent years, Switzer said, "We will use a lot of motion and shifts and become a one-back offense and throw maybe 15 passes a game. We can do all this after we get to the line and our quarterback sees the defense. I think it will cause a lot of problems if people keep playing us the way they have."

Oklahoma has the best and most experienced skill-position players in the Big Eight to operate this new/old offense. Quarterback Danny Bradley (182), an average dropback passer and muzzled runner in the I-formation, should blossom as an option operative. "In this offense," Switzer said, "Danny (5-10) can see the field better and use his quickness. I expect him to be a 55 percent passer and be the best quarterback in the Big Eight."

Bradley will be surrounded by home-run threats. Spencer Tillman (211), Earl Johnson (207), and Steve Sewell (205) are gifted halfbacks. Tillman set an OU freshman rushing record by gaining 1,047 yards last year. Johnson shared newcomer-of-the-year honors with Tillman by rushing for 945 yards. Sewell's superior blocking and receiving skills will make a backup of Johnson if fullback Fred Sims (212) returns, as expected, from junior college. Sims, provided he shakes the rust from a one-year layoff, might be the best runner of the group. He dropped out of school in 1983 after becoming discouraged about the prospect of being Dupree's backup or an I-formation fullback. Johnson will probably start at fullback if Sims goes elsewhere or disappoints. Buster Rhymes (215) and Derrick Shepard (180) will alternate and assure Bradley of having a breakaway receiving threat at split end on the field at all times.

Reservations about Oklahoma's offense are centered on the line. Specifically, Switzer must choose between veterans who were inadequate last year or newcomers—"the best group of offensive linemen we have recruited"—who might not be adequate at the outset. All-Big Eight center Chuck Thomas (270), dismissed in Switzer's first opportunity to enforce a new disciplinary code, is certain to start after being reinstated and having an impressive spring practice. Tackle Brent Burks (267) is expected to retain his position. But tackles Scott Leggett and Sidney Dodd lost their jobs and are not likely to be factors, as the torch is passed to last year's reserves and redshirted freshmen. Guard Jeff Pickett (265), a soph of considerable promise, will start. Lettermen Paul Ferrer (260), David Dillingham (270), and Eric Pope (275), highly regarded but injury-prone, and freshmen Greg Johnson (285) and Al Laurita (255) will battle for the other positions. If a special harness enables Johnson to play without pain from a neck injury, "He has a chance to be as good an offensive lineman as we have ever had," Switzer said. Tight end will be a problem for the fourth straight year. Darin Berryhill (250) and Bill Earthman (240) are scheduled to alternate.

Three second-year freshmen will start and three others may figure in the rebuilding of a defense that produced five of the first 36 players selected in the NFL draft. But collectively they dressed out more impressively than they played. Their replacements are believed to be more aggressive and have better instincts and a greater cerebral capacity. It would not surprise if OU gets more effective play at eight of 11 positons.

End Kevin Murphy (230) and nose guard Tony Casillas (275) are the Big Eight's best at their positions. But strong safety Keith Stanberry (205) is the only other established defender. Tackles Jeff Tupper (240) and Tommy Flemons (250) cause the biggest concern. The three freshmen who will start are oustanding prospects: linebacker Brian Bosworth (220), end Darrell Reed (215), and cornerback Andre Johnson (190). Linebacker Paul Migliazzo (230), cornerbacks Jim Rockford (185) or Percy Hines (180), and safties Brian Hall (195) or Sonny Brown (200) will complete a starting lineup that hopes to be complemented by more consistent punting from Darren Atyia. Consistency is also the goal of place-kicker Tim Lashar.

OKLAHOMA STATE

(8-4, 3-4) The Cowboys return the Big Eight's best blend of talent and experience from a team that carried Nebraska (10-14) and Oklahoma (20-21) to the wire and rallied from a late-season skid to defeat Baylor with surprising ease (24-14) in the Bluebonnet Bowl. Seven starters return from a defense that was the league's quickest and stingiest against running, eight from an offense that should be improved, an all-star place-kicker, and all the rockets from a dazzling specialty team.

First-year coach Pat Jones, promoted from Jimmy Johnson's staff when Johnson opted for Miami, is up to his neck in fascinating tailbacks. He also has what might be the best corps of receivers in the conference and a senior quarterback who took a self-improvement course after the regular season finale and evoked raves ever since. Rusty Hilger (211) was a nondescript quarterback for three years. After becoming "a changed person by listening to tapes that showed me how to eliminate the negative things from my life and concentrate on the positive things," Hilger reached a passing peak and was MVP in the Bluebonnet Bowl. "And he looked the same way every day in spring practice," Johnson said. Hilger's lack of speed will remain a handicap, but if his passing and leadership continue the Cowboys should improve.

OSU's run-and-catch weapons are extraordinary. All-Big Eight tailback Shawn Jones (220) will have to share time with Charles Crawford, a 230-pound sophomore with breakaway speed, and Ken Zachary (204), perhaps the Big Eight's fastest back. Two heralded freshmen may also figure. Wide receiver, not tailback, is, however, OSU's best position. Flanker Jamie Harris (163) is the conference's No. 2 returning receiver (42 receptions and six touchdowns), but split end Malcolm Lewis (215) is more likely to emerge as a star. Bobby Riley (165) is not far behind. Rather than move some of the tailbacks to fullback and spread the ball-carrying duties, Jones wants to continue a scheme in which the primary role for fullbacks is blocking. Thus, Arthur Price (205) and Kelly Cook (210) will continue to alternate at fullback.

Cowboy place-kicker Larry Roach

O-State's offensive line does not approach Nebraska's. But it is no weaker than last year and is larger. David Tucker (265) is among the Big Eight's five centers. Guard Ralph Partida (246) and tackle Paul Blair (252) are returning starters. Tackle Chuck Shanklin (257) and guard Derek Burton (268) are experienced. Tight end lacks a standout, but Barry Hanna (235), Kenneth Brown (212), and J.R. Dillard (250) make it flexible and deep.

The defense, offsetting its lack of size with creative blitzing, features the conference's best tackle, Leslie O'Neal (237), and his remarkably quick partner, Rodney Harding (235). Nose guard John Washington (265) is coming off a surprising season. End Harry Roberts (214) might be the conference's best athlete. (Does any other team return kickoffs with a defensive end? He scored on a 90-yard

return against Missouri.) James Ham (227) is solid at the other end. Matt Monger (215) and speedy junior-college transfer Ricky Adams (225) could be the best linebacking pair the school has seen. A pass defense that led the nation in interceptions (26) but allowed 204 yards per game might be improved, despite the loss of both cornerbacks. Replacements Stanley Blair (190) and Demise Williams (215) were impressive in the spring. Free safety Adam Hinds (205), who was second in the Big Eight with seven interceptions, and strong safety Rod Brown (185) return.

Place-kicker Larry Roach, twice all-conference and the Big Eight's No. 1 returning scorer, is closing in on the school career scoring record. There will be a drop-off in punting, but Kevin Godfrey's spring performance was encouraging.

The Cowboys will not have to wait for the conference schedule to know if they are as good as they believe. They open the season at Arizona State.

MISSOURI

(7-5, 5-2) If the Tigers had their odd-year schedule—when they play Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State on the Big Eight's only grass field at Columbia—they might be favored to win their first conference championship since 1969. But they play their three rivals for the title on the road and their record on artifical turfs at Norman, Stillwater, and Lincoln suggests this will not be a championship season. The Tigers have not won at Oklahoma since 1966, won only once at Oklahoma State since 1970, and, after seemingly finding a rabbit's foot at Nebraska in the 70s, lost their last two visits to Lincoln.

Nevertheless, coach Warren Powers' claim of being closer than ever to having a great team is justified. Powers, who in a move to save his job changed offenses and assistants last season and was rewarded with victories over Oklahoma and OSU that led to a bowl and a new contract, has envied strengths at quarterback and defensive line.

Marlon Adler (183) is the conference's No. 1 returning quarterback. But is he Missouri's No. 1 quarterback? Warren Seitz (220) succeeded in his second annual spring challenge to wrest the starting job from Adler. But Adler, an artful scrambler who ran for 12 touchdowns and passed for 11 last year while totaling 1,870 yards, regained an edge in the spring game. Adler's experience and flair for making key plays under pressure showed, Powers said. But the quarterback debate had not ended.

Whatever, Powers has a better situation at quarterback than any of his peers. But the principal reason for his optimism is a corps of new tailbacks. Missouri was heavily dependent on Adler and fullback Eric Drain (211) in its first year in the I-formation. Manny Henry (210), a transfer from Minnesota, Darrell Wallace (175), a redshirt freshman, and Herbert Johnson (185) enriched tailback in spring practice, as did sophomores Jon Redd (192) and Vernon Boyd (190). Each has breakaway speed. The Tigers also return their top two wide receivers: flanker George Shorthose (190) and split end Andy Hill (164).

Center Phil Greenfield (250) is the only returning starter in the ofensive line. But tackles John Clay (280), a great prospect, and Dave Kniptash (278) and guards Nick Llewellyn (266), Phillip Petty (265), and Mike Penny (248) "could be the strongest offensive line we've had" Powers said. Pat Thetford (220) or Tony Davis (238) will start at tight end.

Seven regulars return on defense, where Missouri ranked second in the Big Eight and twelfth nationally last year. Tackles Pat Burns (261), Robert Curry (264), and Michael Scott (275) and nose guard Steve Leshe (255) are the Big Eight's best group of interior linemen. The only area of concern is end, where the conference's best pair, Taft Sales and Bobby Bell, departed. But replacements Lenson Staples (242) and Eric Troy (202) assure no drop-off in speed. Tracey Mack (222), expected to be fit following back surgery, and Mike Vestweber (209), a converted end, are solid linebackers.

Terry Matichak (190) ranks among the conference's better cornerbacks and anchors a secondary that returns strong safety Jerome Caver (191). Lettermen Anthony Frazier (187) and Jeff Hooper (172) and junior-college transfer Tony Facinelli (180) are the leading contenders for the other two spots. "They have more ability than what we had back there last year," Powers said.

Adler, who walked on three years ago as a punter, would like to improve his 38.7-yard average, but he is dependable. Also returning is place-kicker Brad Burditt, whose .733 average for field goals (11 of 15) ranked third in the Big Eight last year.

After opening at Illinois, the Tigers could gather momentum with four straight home games. Then they play four times on artificial turf in five weeks. The telltale game might be the first of those road dates, with Nebraska.

That's linebacker Tracey Mack.

IOWA STATE

(4-7, 3-4) Jim Criner surprised in his first year by coaching the Cyclones, picked last in preseason forecasts, to a share of fourth place in the conference. That was an indication of the Big Eight's eroding quality. But several conference coaches thought it was also a tribute to Criner's sophisticated offense and an indication the Cyclones might become contenders if their recruiting improves.

They will regroup with a new quarterback, where a tremendous slack was created by the departure of David Archer, who set a Big Eight record for total offense (2,698 yards) and led the conference in touchdown passes (18). Alex Espinoza (197) was advertised as the heir apparent but finished spring practice behind Alan Hood (195). Regardless of who starts, he will be complemented by deluxe receivers and improved runners who should assure a more balanced look.

Flanker Tracy Henderson (182) set conference records for receptions in a season (81) and game (16) while ranking third nationally last year. Split ends Danny Gantt (205) and Robbie Minor (178) and tight end Dave Smoldt (232) round out what the Cyclones think is the best receiving cast in the Big Eight. The unheralded Al Watson (197) was so impressive in spring practice that Tommy Davis (192) was moved to fullback. Criner is confident that the running attack, the poorest in the Big Eight last year, will be improved.

Kansas State quarterback Stan Weber and tailback Greg Dageforde

The offensive line must be replaced, from tackle to tackle. The prospective starters are big and played a lot last year. They are tackles Bruce Westmeyer (262) and Kevin Eggleston (296), center Todd Krieger (272), and guards Vince Jasper (253) and Scott Brandt (276).

Seven starters return on defense, where the alignment will be changed to a four-man front. Two junior-college transfers, end Perry Laures (252) and middle linebacker Vernon Singleton (231), are scheduled to start, along with the holdovers: end Jim Luebbers (240), tackles Steve Little (255) and Barry Moore (263), linebacker Lester Williams (220), cornerbacks Kevin Williams (170) and Joe Jackson (183), and free safety George Walker (210). Linebacker Tim Iversen (215) and strong safety James McBill (198) also will start.

Place-kicker Marc Bachrodt, fifth in the conference, and punter Doug Myers return. Myers, whose 35-yard average was the lowest in the Big Eight, will be challenged by Jim Thompson.

KANSAS STATE

(3-8, 1-6) One year after their first-ever bowl appearance, the Wildcats crashed back into the Big Eight cellar. It was a total collapse that disappointed coach Jim Dickey, who thought several years of redshirting had elevated the Wildcats into no worse than high second-division status. But they were eighth in scoring (16.9), seventh in scoring defense (31.2), and

Tracy Henderson of Iowa State

did not have a skill-position player in the top five of any category.

Kansas State should improve, though, simply because quarterback Stan Weber (190) will start from the outset. Weber, whose career was thought to have been ended by a knee injury, came out of limbo in November and put some life into the offense. The Cats averaged 27 points in their last four games under his direction. Included was an upset of Oklahoma State for their only conference victory.

Fifteen others starters and the best pair of kickers in the Big Eight also return. Weber will have two fine receivers if Mike Wallace (175), All-Big Eight two years ago, regains his eligibility this summer. Tiny flanker James Witherspoon (5-7, 149) was outstanding when he subbed for Wallace against OSU. Tailback Greg Dageforde (202) was sixth in conference rushing but lacks the desired speed. Returning fullback Charles Crawford (215) is expected to be recovered from knee surgery.

Tackle Damian Johnson (283), an all-conference contender, leads one of the Big Eight's biggest and most experienced offensive lines. Tackle Tim Stone (279) and guard Jerry Poole (254) replaced Jeff Koyl (292) and Bob Bessert (263), last year's starters, to join guard Calvin Switzer (268), tight end Eric Bailey (233), and center Andy Harding (241) in what Dickey thinks will be "the best offensive line we've ever had."

Tackle Les Miller (280) was the Big Eight defensive newcomer of the year in '83. Tackle Kyle Clawson (221), nose guard Mark Newton (262), and ends Grady Newton (211) and Greg Strahm (220) complete an experienced line. Other returning starters are linebacker Bob Daniels (238) and free safety David Ast (185). Linebacker Jeffery Hurd (232), cornerback Brad Lambert (175), and strong safety Jack Epps (197) are the other starters.

Scott Fulhage was second in conference punting with a 41.9-yard average, and place-kicker Steve Willis has a string of 48 straight extra points and eight career field goals of over 40 yards.

COLORADO

(4-7, 2-5) "We are inching along and making progress," coach Bill McCartney said of his attempt to galvanize a ravaged program. "But it is painstakingly slow." In his third season, McCartney thinks the Buffaloes will become respectable on defense (they were 100th nationally in defense last year) and also improve on offense. "But we are a ways from being close to the best teams in this conference."

The Buffs would be closer if their offensive linemen matched their personnel at the skill positions. Quarterback Steve Vogel (202), a starter off and on since 1981, and wide receivers Loy Alexander (173) and Ron Brown (182)

Colorado quarterback Steve Vogel

are expected to improve the passing game significantly. The recovery of fullback Eric McCarty (225), a heralded 1983 recruit who suffered a disabiling injury, and the return of tailback Lee Rouson (201) should also bolster the running attack.

The line worries McCartney. He thinks Junior Ili (254) "is one of the best guards in the country." Three other projected starters in the line are redshirt freshmen, "and we have no depth," McCartney said. There is considerable promise and size, however. Eric Coyle (253), moved from guard to center, and guard Shaun Beard (250) are lettermen joining freshmen tackles Pat Ryan (259) and Tim Harper (265). Two promising sophs, Jon Embree (204) and Ed Reinhardt (220), will alternate at tight end. Despite the inexperience, McCartney thinks the Buffs' pass protection and ability to handle blitzes—major shortcomings last year—will be improved.

The anticipated improvement on defense is tied to inside linebackers Barry Remington (219) and Don Fairbanks (222). Tackles Ken Lightner (265) and Curt Koch (244), each of whom was redshirted last year, and Todd Ciccarelli (244) add badly needed muscle to the senior likes of nose guard Don Muncie (220) and tackle George Smith (259). The secondary lost considerable quality, but cornerbacks Solomon Wilcots (170), Alvin Rubalcaba (175), and Lyle Pickens (175) and safeties Mickey Pruitt (192) and Kent Davis (191) represent "real good talent and should be

Jayhawk tight end Sylvester Byrd

good players by the middle of the season," McCartney said.

Punter Allan Braun (37.8) returns and former kickoff specialist Larry Eckel takes over the place-kicking.

The Buffs cannot count on their nonconference schedule to accelerate their rate of progress. Playing Notre Dame, UCLA, and Michigan State in September is not the way to develop confidence for a growing team that plays the Big Eight's four probable Top 20 entries in a span of five weeks.

KANSAS

(4-6-1, 2-5) "We are back to square one," second-year coach Mike Gottfried said. "We are starting over." He meant in personnel, not philosophy. The Jayhawks will continue the wide-open passing offense that Gottfried champsions. But they will operate with a new cast of

passers, receivers, and blockers. Kansas must also replace its kickers and improve a defense that allowed an average of 5.7 yards per play, the highest in the Big Eight. It would appear the Jayhawks are unlikely to be improved over last season, when their conference-leading pass attack produced an upset of Southern California and decisive conquests of archrivals Kansas State, Missouri, and Wichita State.

"We have so many unanswered questions, I don't know if we can improve our team," Gottfried said. "But I think we will be a better defensive team and we will be able to throw and catch the ball."

Junior-college transfer Mike Norseth (200) won Gottfried's approval at quarterback in spring practice. So did backup Mike Orth (200). Wide receivers Richard Estell (196) and Skip Peete (185) are highly regarded. Tight end Sylvester Byrd (220) is one of three returning starters on offense, but he caught only nine of the 216 passes Kansas completed last year. Tailback Robert Mimbs (190) and center Bennie Simecka (265) are the other returning regulars. Tackle Jim Davis (245) is the most promising of the new linemen. Scheduled to start are guards Paul Oswald (250) and Doug Certain (260) and tackle Bob Pieper (265). Mark Henderson (215), one of five sophomores scheduled for the first string, is the ranking fullback.

Seven regulars return on defense, but only four are scheduled to start in '84. All-Big Eight Willie Pless (215) and Darnell Williams (218) make linebacker "the strength of our team," Gottfried said. Guard Eldridge Avery (225) and safety Derek Berry (195) retained their positions in spring practice. Kansas recruited heavily from junior colleges to bolster its defense, a seldom-seen 6-2-2-1 alignment. Two of the jucos will start: tackle Robert Tucker (240) and cornerback Alvin Walton (185). Two others expected to provide improvement are cornerback Dino Bell (180), a converted tailback, and tackle Jeff Anderson, voted the most improved lineman in the spring. Anderson (225) is part of a critically light front. His line mates are guard Phil Forte (220) and ends Arnold Fields (190) and Clyde Johnson (220).

Dodge Schwartzburg, who comes off the jayvee team with a strong leg, is the replacement for record-setting kicker Bruce Kallmeyer. The search continues for a punter.

missouri valley conference

TULSA

(8-3,5-0) Despite the loss of seven all-conference players, the Hurricane appears equipped to win its fifth straight Valley championship. John Cooper, one of the region's most admired coaches, has built a program that is to the Valley what Nebraska's is to the Big Eight: capable of annually producing more and better replacements than the other conference teams.

Tulsa's leading assets are in areas that usually decide championships: quarterback and defensive line. Steve Gage (202), whose speed and execution of the triple option dazzled opponents last year, needs only to imporve his passing to become the region's best veer quarterback. Cooper has never had so many big and talented defensive tackles.

Questions about the new running backs and wide receivers temper Cooper's optimism. Bobby Booker (180), prolific in mop-up roles as a backup to record-setting Michael Gunter, had a disappointing spring. So did Johnny Horton (190). None of the wide receivers pleased Cooper.

All-Valley guard John Kasperski (240), tackle David Smith (281), and guard Tony Leapheart (241) return to the offensive line, which will welcome back tackle David Alexander (252), who played at all-star form before suffering a broken leg last year.

The defensive line also regains a disabled star, tackle Kevin Lilly (241), All-Valley in 1982 but sidelined by shoulder surgery last year. He will start along with tackle Joe Dixon (266), who might be the Valley's most gifted lineman, and all-conference end Byron Jones (261). Several experienced players who were held out of spring practice to recover from injuries will compete for the other positions and provide depth. They include end Chris Forte (217), nose guard Brian Bruner (229), and tackles Chip Pelley (229) and Chris Pike (289), a transfer from North Carolina. Xavier

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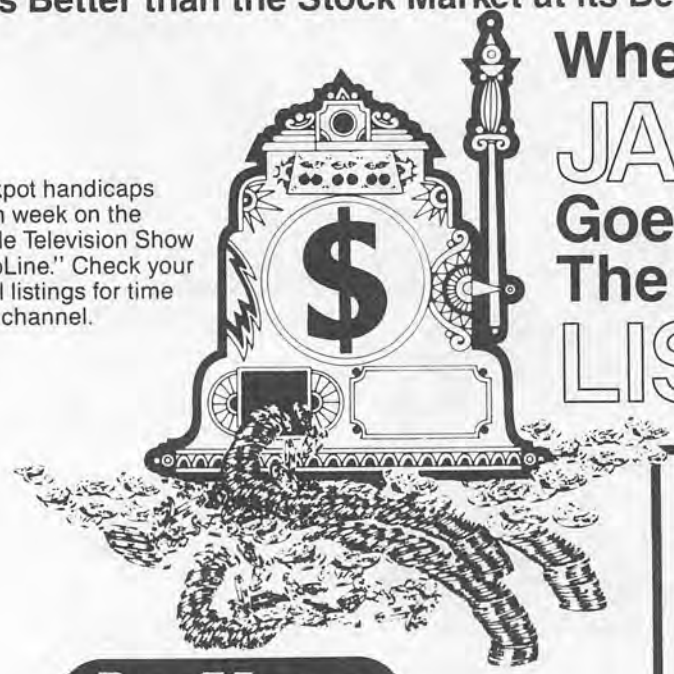

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Warren (213) is a proven linebacker, and the secondary has six players with starting experience. Cooper calls Albert Myres (196) "as fine a cornerback as we have ever had." Safeties Timmy Gibbs (174), Robert Estes (205), Nate Harris (172), and the coach's son, John Cooper Jr. (183), provide flexibility.

Richie Stephenson (191), a capable backup to Gage, returns to punt; Jason Staurovsky, a former team manager who walked on, is a fine place-kicker from medium range.

A definite problem is the schedule: After a typically overwhelming nonconference slate (Brigham Young, Arkansas, and Oklahoma in succession in September), Tulsa plays Indiana State, its biggest hurdle in the path to the valley title, and dark horse Illinois State back-to-back on the road.

INDIANA STATE

(9-4, 3-2) With 17 starters and its kickers returning, plus seven home games, the Sycamores expect to contend for the national I-AA title and threaten Tulsa's Valley supremacy. Coach Dennis Raetz said, "We could be better on offense and adequate but not as good on defense as we were last year," when the Sycamores were fifth in the I-AA playoffs (and lost only 13-17 to Florida).

Jeff Miller (#10) of Indiana St.

Leading the returning cast on offense are quarterback Jeff Miller (210), who led the Valley in passing efficiency and total offense, All-Valley center Rich Dawson (245), and guard Steve Buston (260). Running back Kevin Henderson (185), whose 11 touchdowns were the second-highest by a Valley rusher, wide receivers Anthony Kimball (165) and Terry Bell (175), guard Mike Simmonds (265), tackle Mark Boster (250), tight end Herbert Dawson (215), and fullback Rick Dwenger (210) are the other returning starters.

The defense is strongest in the secondary, where cornerback Wayne Davis (175) is an all-conference probable and safeties Vencie Glenn (205) and Regis Mason (185) also return. Other returning starters are tackle Brad Verdun (250), nose guard Doug Arnold (245), end Kurt Bell (220), and linebacker Troy Johnson (210).

Indiana State plays only one of its four conference games (Southern Illinois) on the road. The Sycamores, who did not play Tulsa last year, are pointing for a November 10 date at home with the defending champions. It should decide the championship.

WICHITA STATE

(3-8, 3-3) New coach Ron Chismar, hired from Arizona State's staff shortly before the start of spring practice, inherited a team with the personnel to execute his passing offense but one that was depleted of line experience.

The Shockers will not neglect running. They cannot afford to, with tailback Eric Denson (181), the most prolific rusher in school history. He gained 1,017 yards last year and totaled 2,005 yards in his first two seasons. Dwight Eaton (228) is a capable fullback. The key, though, is quarterback Brian McDonald (177), a sophomore who engineered an upset of Division I-AA champion Southern Illinois when he filled in for the injured Tyrone Mitchell (189). Mitchell will return if he solves an eligibility problem but McDonald is clearly No. 1. He has promising targets in flankers Kevin Pierce (181) and Mark Royster (186) but is dependent on inexperienced, though big, pass protectors.

The defensive line is equally green. But the secondary looks improved, because of linebacker Nathaniel Hayes (226) and the return of cornerback Maurice Foxworth (155) and strong safeties Darrell Whitley (196) and Steve Perkins (189) from injuries that sidelined them much of last year and of free safety Curtis Whitten (195), who was dismissed from the team two years ago.

ILLINOIS STATE

(6-4, 2-2-1) Coach Bob Otolski thinks the Redbirds will be better than last year, when they surprised by finishing fourth in the conference. Although they do not have a receiver who approaches the caliber of Clarence Collins (now with the New Jersey Generals), their offense does not figure to fall off much, if any, because their other big weapons are in place. Their defense should be improved.

All-conference quarterback John Coppens (210), who led the Valley in passing, with 1,934 yards and 17 touchdowns, returns along with alternating tailbacks Kevin Jones (180) and Virgil Winters (200), who combined for 1,672 yards and were third and fourth, respectively, in conference rushing. All-Valley tight end Mark Marcinek (215) and Paul Politi, the league's leading place-kicker, are among 16 returning starters.

Linebacker Brian Gant (215) inspired all-star forecasts as a freshman. Free safety Mike Prior (195) is the ace of perhaps the best secondary in the Valley. Strong safety Brant Amundson (200) and end Tim McCarthy will be starting for the fourth year. Paul Claussen (235) and Curtis Garrett (265) keyed the improvement against the run last year.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

(13-1, 4-1) New coach Ray Dorr, who was in charge of quarterbacks at Washington the last eight years, felt at home with the team he inherited. The Salukis' major problem is quarterback. Only ten starters return from the team that won the national I-AA championship and missed a share of the Valley title when it was upset by Wichita in the regular-season finale. The Salukis did not play champion Tulsa, but when they open the 1984 season there, Dorr thinks his team will not look much different except at quarterback. That, however, could lead to a significant difference in the record.

Dorr said he would "like to pass if we had the ability to handle it." But he concluded "we can't," and described quarterback as "very unsettled." Darren Dixon (175), last year's backup, begins as No. 1. Otherwise, the Salukis are comparable to the '83 team on offense. Tailback Derrick Taylor (182) was eighth in the Valley in rushing and receiving. End James Stevenson (160) and tight end Carey Shephard (228), who combined for 62 catches return, as does the left side of the line.

Strong safety T.B. Thomas (186), the team's best player, and linebackers Dan Wetzel (209) and Fabray Collins (200) lead a defense that Dorr thinks "can make us competitive." He hopes cutting down on penalties (800 yards) and fumbles (30) will offset the inexperience in the defensive line and the overall lack of depth.

DRAKE

(1-10, 1-6) "We had such a terrible year, that anything would be an improvement," coach Chuck Shelton said. But the improvement will have to be provided by the same players who were responsible for the Bulldogs being last in six of eight team categories last year. Seventeen starters return, and all but two are scheduled to start this year.

Shelton said, "We have upgraded our abiltiy to pass and catch and will get our passing game back to normal." Quarterback Ray Gronowski (208), who compelted only 44 percent of his attempts and three touchdowns last year, withstood the spring challenge of two sophomores and a freshman redshirt and is scheduled to start. But he does not have Shelton's unqualified endorsement. Stanley Gardner (177) leads a deeper, faster receiving corps. The offensive line is full of returning starters but "needs to get a lot better," Shelton said. Soph tailback Marty Casper (200) showed promise in the final month of '83.

The defense was not as bad as its record (last in Valley scoring, with a 31-point yield), the coach claims. He thinks it will be improved, and bases his hopes on linebackers Tim Leimer (212), Clifford Dunigan (218), Wade Harman (238), and Larry Gilleland (218). Concerns about the defensive line are illustrated by nose guard Joe Adrian, the only returning starter there. He weighs only 208.

WEST TEXAS STATE

(0-10-1, 0-5-1) A decision in 1978 to de-emphasize produced a full-blown crash last year, and the Buffaloes will again be considerably below the level of most Valley teams. But thanks to outside contributions that made up for the school's 50 percent budget slash, the last two recruiting classes were representative. Coach Don Davis said, "We are on our way back."

After scoring only one touchdown in their first five games, the Buffaloes improved by switching to a run-oriented veer. But their defense never developed enough support for All-Valley tackle Willard Goff (260) to slow opponents down. Davis expects both units to improve this year. He thinks ends Allen Heath (225) and Dennis Schneider (260) and nose guard Barron Jackson (235) "will make us more respectable on defense. And finally we

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have some running backs." They are fullback Gordon Compton (205) and tailbacks Johnny Johnson (195), Marvin Williams (208), and Joe Davis (205). Todd Mayfield (190) became the No. 1 quarterback in spring practice when holdover David Harbin suffered a leg injury. It is unclear who will start.

The offensive line is the weakest area. Davis said the linebacking "was not good" and that the receiving "needs to get better." He thinks the secondary has a chance to be adequate if several players recover from injuries that eliminated them from spring practice. A bright spot is All-Valley punter David Wood.

north central conference

NEBRASKA-OMAHA

(9-2, 8-1) Having beaten co-champion North Dakota State, Sandy Budda's club felt it deserved an NCAA playoff berth in 1983. With 32 returning lettermen, the Mavericks could get their chance this year. Veteran quarterback Randy Naran, who completed 177 of 294 passes for 2,235 yards and 13 TDs, returns, as does split end James Quaites, who gathered in 47 receptions for 910 yards and nine TDs. Running backs Bill Gillman and Mark Gurley will ramble behind a solid offensive line anchored by guard Pat Kiehn (5-11, 226) and tackles Scott Bruhn (6-4, 250) and Ron Peterson (6-10, 287).

The defense will feature tackle Thurman Ballard (6-3, 252), linebacker Gary Keck (6-2, 226), and defensive backs Bob Rupp and Parnell Bryant.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

(12-1, 8-1) Thirty-one returning lettermen give Don Morton's Bison an excellent chance to repeat as champs. The offensive backfield returns intact. Quarterback Jeff Bentrim was the squad's leading rusher, running the veer for 520 yards, passing for 810 more, and scoring nine TDs. Running backs, Chad Stark and James Molstre gained 333 and 252 yards, respectively. Stacey Robinson returns at split end, having made 31 receptions for 593 yards. There are vacancies on the line, but center Greg Hagfors (6-2, 232) and guard Mike Carmody (6-4, 243) provide a nucleus.

The defensive line must be replaced. However, linebackers Jon Dunbar (6-2, 203), Lee Monson (6-2, 213), and Jim Dick (6-0, 212) return, along with strong safety Todd DeBates and free safety Tom VanVoorhis.

Nebraska-Omaha's Mark Gurley

SOUTH DAKOTA

(7-4, 6-3) South Dakota won six of its last seven games in 1983 and appears to have the strength to continue where it left off. The offense is led by running back Chul Schwanke, wide receiver Rod Tweet, and quarterback Jim Duggan. Schwanke was the NCC's leading rusher (870 yards, including six straight 100-yard games). Tweet made 53 receptions for 869 yards. Duggan passed for 1,727 yards, but missed spring practice with a broken wrist. The only area of concern is the offensive line, where four starters are gone.

Linebacker Todd Pharis (6-0, 208) and free safety Mike Slaton will lead a veteran defense.

If coach Dave Triplett can put together an offensive line and if Duggan returns to form, the Coyotes will be contenders.

NORTH DAKOTA

(6-5, 4-5) The Sioux will abandon the drop-back pass in 1984 in favor of a roll-out, pass-run option offense. The quarterback spot is open, but sophomroe Tony Dorso appeared to have the edge during spring drills. Coach Pat Behrns will have the most experienced offensive line in the conference. It is headed by tight end Glen Kucera (6-3, 230), who caught 35 passes for 502 yards last year. Tackles Jim Hatterman (6-3, 265) and Chad Schumacher (6-5, 280), guards Marty Woodcook (6-4, 245) and Wally Keller (6-4, 240), and center Eric Breitling (6-2, 250) also return.

The defense has lettermen at virtually every position. The line is anchored by nose guard Randy Harles (6-1, 270) and end Mike Skadeland (6-4, 220). Leading tackler Tom Hedberg (6-2, 220) is at linebacker. Cornerback Wayne Pratt and strong safety Doug Johnson lead the secondary.

MANKATO STATE

(4-7, 3-6) The Mavericks were an improved team during their first season in the NCC. With 18 starters back, Dan Runkle's squad could have a winning season in 1984. The quarterback position is a definite question mark. John Wodnick returns for his senior year. He started as a sophomore but was beaten out by converted defensive back Dave Schlichte last year. Fullback David Beyer and tailback Larry Brown are the leading returning rushers, having gained 839 and 395 yards, respectively. They will run behind all-conference linemen Curtis Frazier (6-2, 300) at tackle and Dave Fehrle (6-4, 260) at center.

Linebacker Al Tachovski (6-0, 225), tackle David Kraus (6-1, 240), and cornerback Archie Eades will lead the defense.

ST. CLOUD STATE

(5-6, 4-5) The Huskies won their first four games in 1983, but lost six of their last seven. Coach Noel Martin, however, appears to have the program headed in the right direction. To improve in 1984, a replacement must be found for quarterback Tom Nelson, who holds 15 passing and total-offense records. Tom Bauman is the heir apparent. Scott Peterson returns at flanker, where he had 32 catches for 522 yards. Running back Carter Bray was the leading rusher (328 yards). Tackle Rick Moss (6-2, 250) and guard Kurt Sjelin (6-2, 235) are the mainstays in the line.

Letter winners abound on defense, with ends Mitri Canavati (6-1, 220) and Terry Neils (6-2, 230), nose guard Pete Klinkhammer (6-2, 240), and linebacker Jeff Mensing (6-1, 210) the standouts.

NORTHERN COLORADO

(4-6, 4-5) Bob Blasi's Bears will operate from a spread offense and depend a great deal on the forward pass. Senior Tom Aiello and sophomore Loren Snyder are fighting for the quarterback spot. Whoever wins will throw a lot to split end Rod Rudel, who had 20 receptions for 430 yards a year ago. Johnny Watkines, last season's leading rusher (315 yards), is being challenged for the lone running back position by sophomore Mike Alexander. All-conference tackle John Huber (6-4, 250) is a standout in a veteran line.

The defensive front is also experienced. It is led by ends Jeff Olmsted (6-5, 230) and Mel Garner (6-5, 215). Safety Tom Vertovec returns in the backfield.

AUGUSTANA

(5-6, 4-5) Lyle Eidsness faces a major rebuilding job. Most of the offensive line and virtually all of the defense is gone. The offense will rotate around quarterback John Schultz, who passed for 1,970 yards and 13 TDs in 1983. The top returning receiver is Tom Brown, who had 33 receptions for three TDs. Terry Lehnen and Victor Breakfield lettered in the backfield. Center Scott Bruning (6-3, 240) and tackle Robbie Whipple (6-5, 280) provide a start in the line.

The Vikings "radar" defense will rebuild around tackle Paul Josephson (6-1, 271) and end John Winterscheidt (6-5, 275).

MORNINGSIDE

(1-10, 1-8) After losing only four seniors to graduation, second year coach Erv Mondt believes his team will be competitive in 1984. With an overall increase in depth, the Chiefs should win more than one game. The pass-oriented offense will be directed by quarterback Jim Gibson. He will again have wide receiver Jerry Steffen and tight end Terry DenBeste to throw to. Steffen caught 61 passes last year; DenBaste, second-team all-conference two years ago, did not play in '83.

Defensive end Tracy Johnson (6-2, 225) and nose guard Matt Jurgens (6-2, 240) head the front line, while linebacker Bob Biebl (6-0, 205) and corners Brian Carrott and Earl Chandler return to the secondary.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

(5-6, 3-6) With the quarterback spot and almost the entire defense vacant, Wayne Haensel's Jackrabbits probably would not win the NCC even if scheduling difficulties had not made them ineligible for the title. There appears, however, to be enough offensive talent to give SDSU a shot at a winning season. Transfer Mike Busch and redshirt Rich Morehouse vie for the quarterback spot vacated by career passing leader Mike Law. The rest of the backfield returns in Rick Wegher (5-7, 167), who contributed 1,463 all-purpose yards, Kevin Skalla, and Paul Prout. The best linemen are tight end Dennis Thomas (6-4, 236) and tackle Mark Diesch (6-5, 257).

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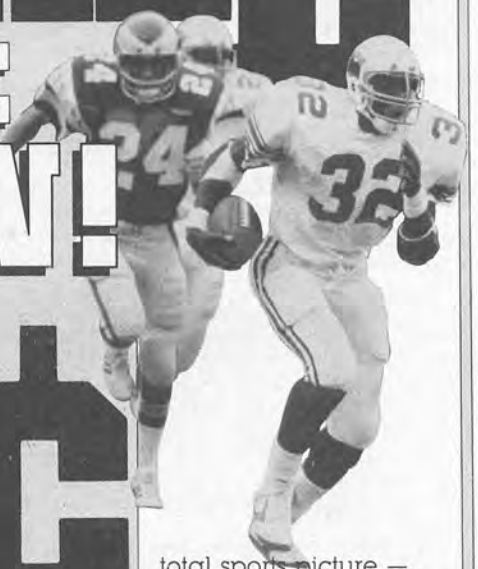

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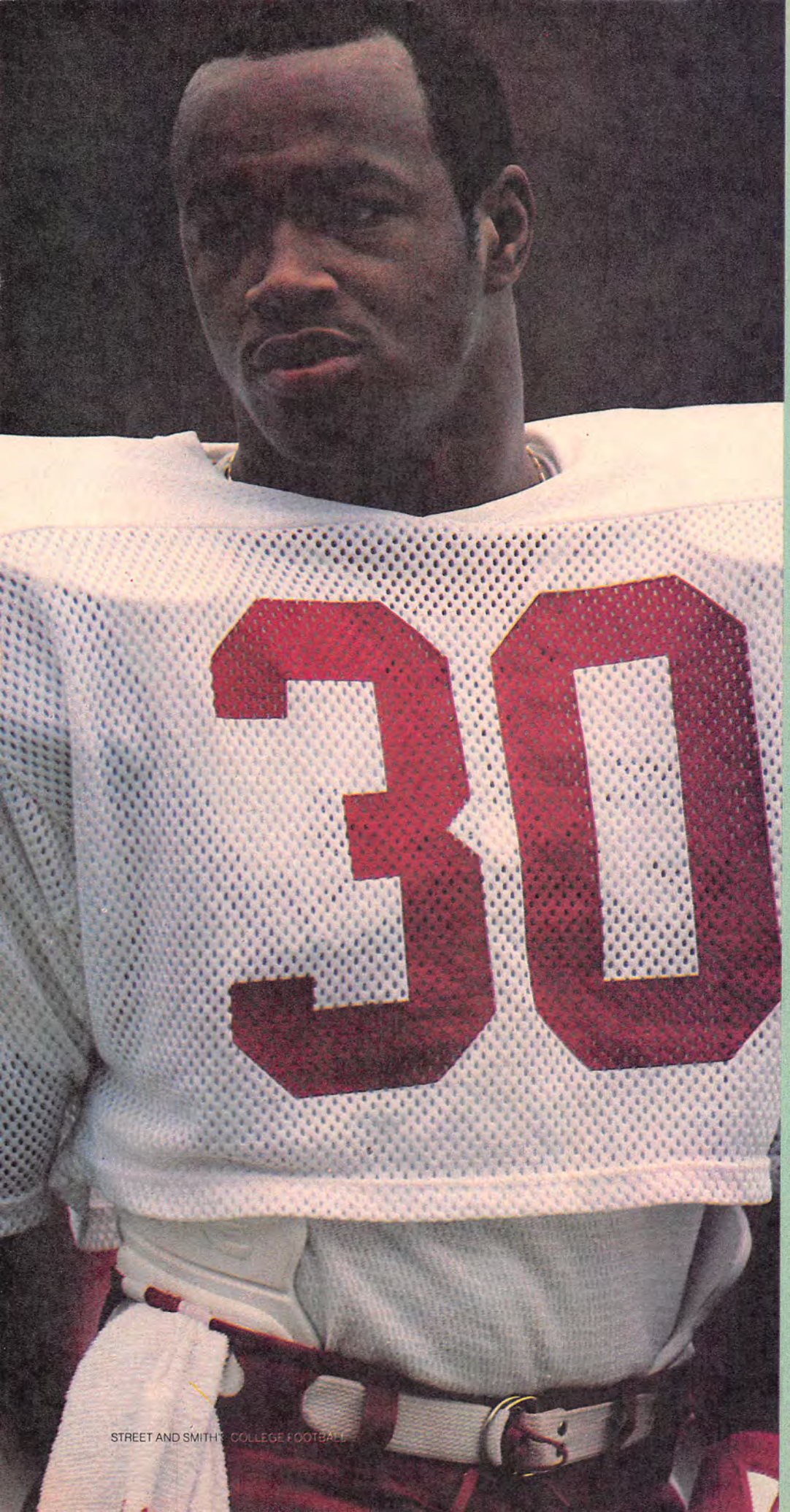

1983 Heisman Trophy Winner

Mike Rozier *of the University of Nebraska was voted the winner of the Heisman Trophy in a nationwide election by sports writers and sports broadcasters in 1983. In becoming the eleventh running back in as many years to win the award, Rozier received 482 first-place votes and 1,801 points to outdistance Brigham Young quarterback Steve Young, who collected 153 firsts and 1,172 points, in last year's balloting.*

A 5-11, 210-pound native of Camden, New Jersey, Rozier gained 2,148 yards on 275 carries (a 7.8-yard average) and tied an NCAA record by scoring 29 touchdowns in his senior year for the Big Eight champion Cornhuskers. He is only the second player—after Southern Cal's Marcus Allen, in 1981—to rush for over 2,000 yards in a single season.

Rozier was held to 71 yards on the ground in the inaugural Kickoff Classic last August against Penn State, but ran for over 100 yards in each of Nebraska's 11 games thereafter. He produced a season-high 285-yard effort with four TDs against conference rival Kansas in November. He also rushed for 147 yards before an ankle injury sidelined him in the third quarter of a 31-30 Orange Bowl loss to Miami that was the only blemish on Nebraska's otherwise perfect season.

The first player selected in the United States Football League draft in January, Rozier now toils for the Pittsburgh Maulers.

1983 HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

player, school (first-place votes)	points
Mike Rozier, Nebraska (482)	1,801
Steve Young, Brigham Young (153)	1,172
Doug Flutie, Boston College (23)	253
Turner Gill, Nebraska (11)	190
Terry Hoage, Georgia (7)	112
Napoleon McCallum, Navy (6)	104
Jeff Hostetler, West Virginia (5)	71
Bill Fralic, Pittsburgh (6)	66
Walter Lewis, Alabama (4)	54
Boomer Esiason, Maryland (4)	51

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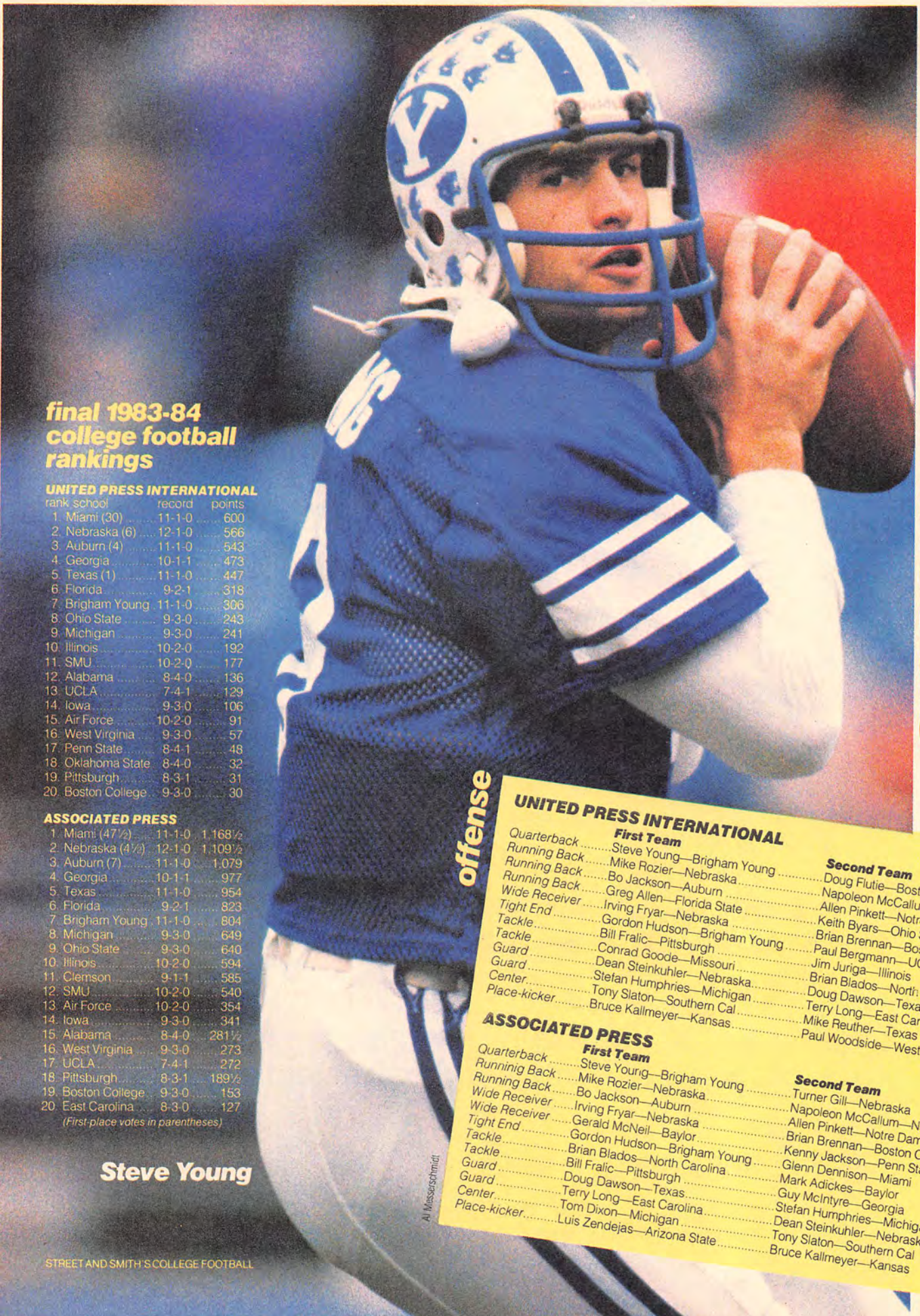

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final 1983-84 college football rankings

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Miami (30)	11-1-0	600
2.	Nebraska (6)	12-1-0	566
3.	Auburn (4)	11-1-0	543
4.	Georgia	10-1-1	473
5.	Texas (1)	11-1-0	447
6.	Florida	9-2-1	318
7.	Brigham Young	11-1-0	306
8.	Ohio State	9-3-0	243
9.	Michigan	9-3-0	241
10.	Illinois	10-2-0	192
11.	SMU	10-2-0	177
12.	Alabama	8-4-0	136
13.	UCLA	7-4-1	129
14.	Iowa	9-3-0	106
15.	Air Force	10-2-0	91
16.	West Virginia	9-3-0	57
17.	Penn State	8-4-1	48
18.	Oklahoma State	8-4-0	32
19.	Pittsburgh	8-3-1	31
20.	Boston College	9-3-0	30

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1.	Miami (47½)	11-1-0	1,168½
2.	Nebraska (4½)	12-1-0	1,109½
3.	Auburn (7)	11-1-0	1,079
4.	Georgia	10-1-1	977
5.	Texas	11-1-0	954
6.	Florida	9-2-1	823
7.	Brigham Young	11-1-0	804
8.	Michigan	9-3-0	649
9.	Ohio State	9-3-0	640
10.	Illinois	10-2-0	594
11.	Clemson	9-1-1	585
12.	SMU	10-2-0	540
13.	Air Force	10-2-0	354
14.	Iowa	9-3-0	341
15.	Alabama	8-4-0	281½
16.	West Virginia	9-3-0	273
17.	UCLA	7-4-1	272
18.	Pittsburgh	8-3-1	189½
19.	Boston College	9-3-0	153
20.	East Carolina	8-3-0	127

(First-place votes in parentheses)

Steve Young

offense

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	First Team	Second Team
Quarterback	Steve Young—Brigham Young	Doug Flutie—Boston College
Running Back	Mike Rozier—Nebraska	Napoleon McCallum—Navy
Running Back	Bo Jackson—Auburn	Allen Pinkett—Notre Dame
Running Back	Greg Allen—Florida State	Keith Byars—Ohio State
Wide Receiver	Irving Fryar—Nebraska	Brian Brennan—Boston College
Tight End	Gordon Hudson—Brigham Young	Paul Bergmann—UCLA
Tackle	Bill Fralic—Pittsburgh	Jim Juriga—Illinois
Tackle	Conrad Goode—Missouri	Brian Blados—North Carolina
Guard	Dean Steinkuhler—Nebraska	Doug Dawson—Texas
Guard	Stefan Humphries—Michigan	Terry Long—East Carolina
Center	Tony Slaton—Southern Cal	Mike Reuther—Texas
Place-kicker	Bruce Kallmeyer—Kansas	Paul Woodside—West Virginia

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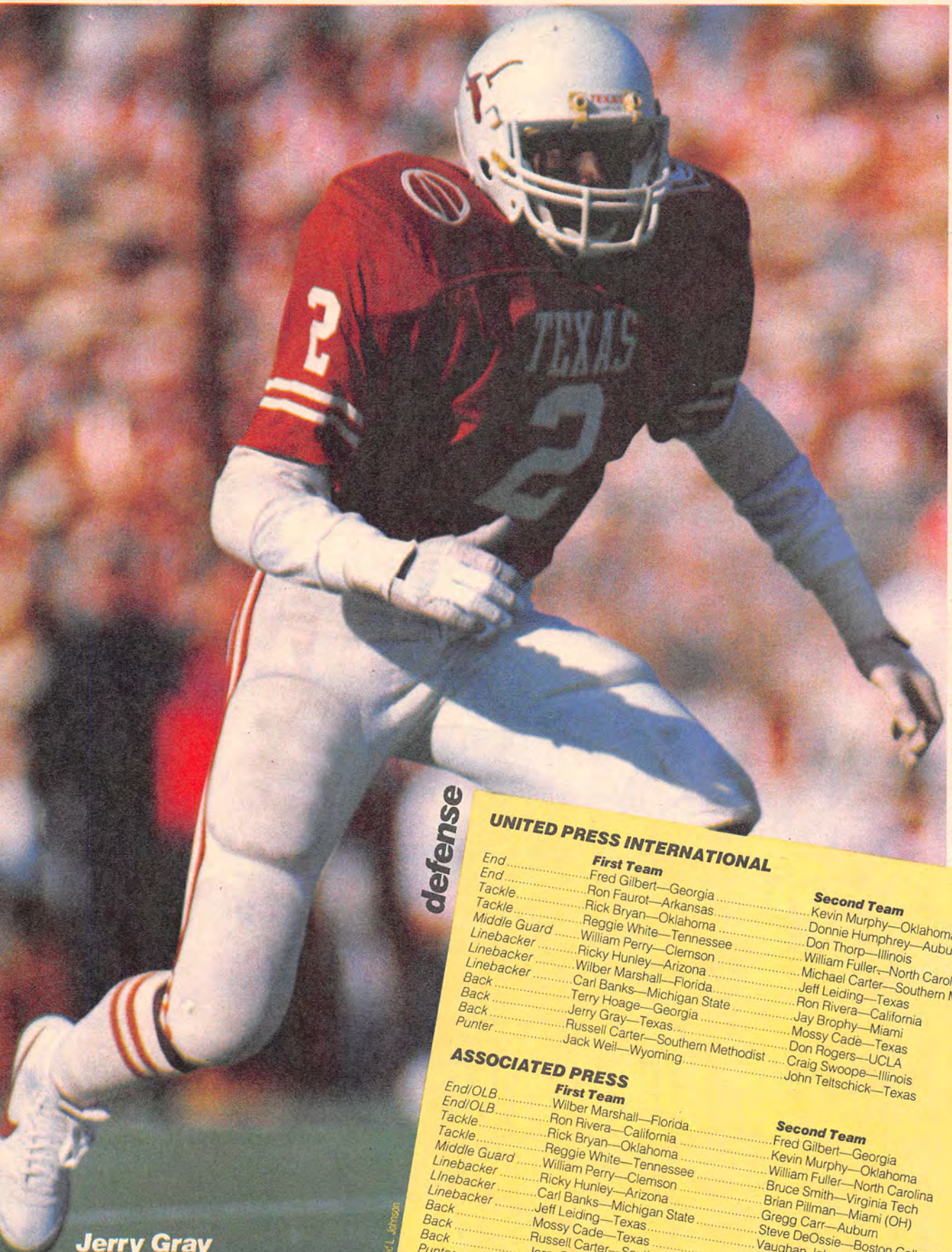

Jerry Gray

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	First Team	Second Team
End	Fred Gilbert—Georgia	Kevin Murphy—Oklahoma
End	Ron Faurot—Arkansas	Donnie Humphrey—Auburn
Tackle	Rick Bryan—Oklahoma	Don Thorp—Illinois
Tackle	Reggie White—Tennessee	William Fuller—North Carolina
Middle Guard	William Perry—Clemson	Michael Carter—Southern Methodist
Linebacker	Ricky Hunley—Arizona	Jeff Leiding—Texas
Linebacker	Wilber Marshall—Florida	Ron Rivera—California
Linebacker	Carl Banks—Michigan State	Jay Brophy—Miami
Back	Terry Hoage—Georgia	Mossy Cade—Texas
Back	Jerry Gray—Texas	Don Rogers—UCLA
Back	Russell Carter—Southern Methodist	Craig Swoope—Illinois
Punter	Jack Weil—Wyoming	John Teltschick—Texas

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	First Team	Second Team
End/OLB	Wilber Marshall—Florida	Fred Gilbert—Georgia
End/OLB	Ron Rivera—California	Kevin Murphy—Oklahoma
Tackle	Rick Bryan—Oklahoma	William Fuller—North Carolina
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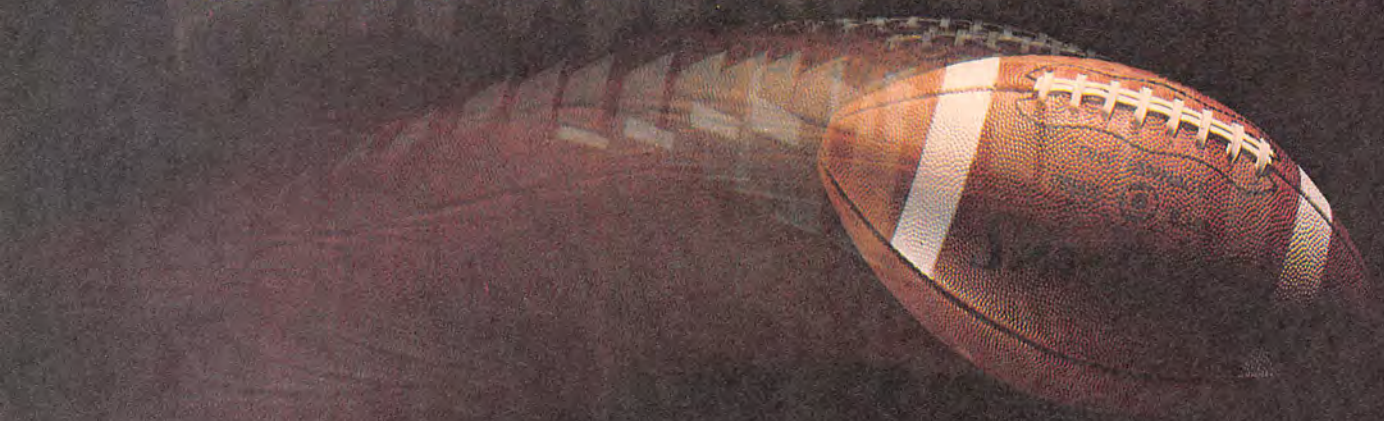

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After years of Penn State's domination of the Eastern college grid scene, parity at last arrived last fall. In fact, when the 1983 football wars were history, it was anybody's guess as to which of five teams—Boston College, Penn State, Pitt, Syracuse, or West Virginia—was the best. All had their backers, and with good reason.

The Eagles, which eventually made off with the coveted Lambert Trophy in a photo finish, were beaten by the Mountaineers and the Orange, then tarnished in the Liberty Bowl by oft-beaten Notre Dame.

State, after a horrible 0-3 beginning, was lucky to nip Syracuse and tie Pitt after BC did a number on them.

West Virginia stopped Pitt and BC but fell to the Nittany and the Orange.

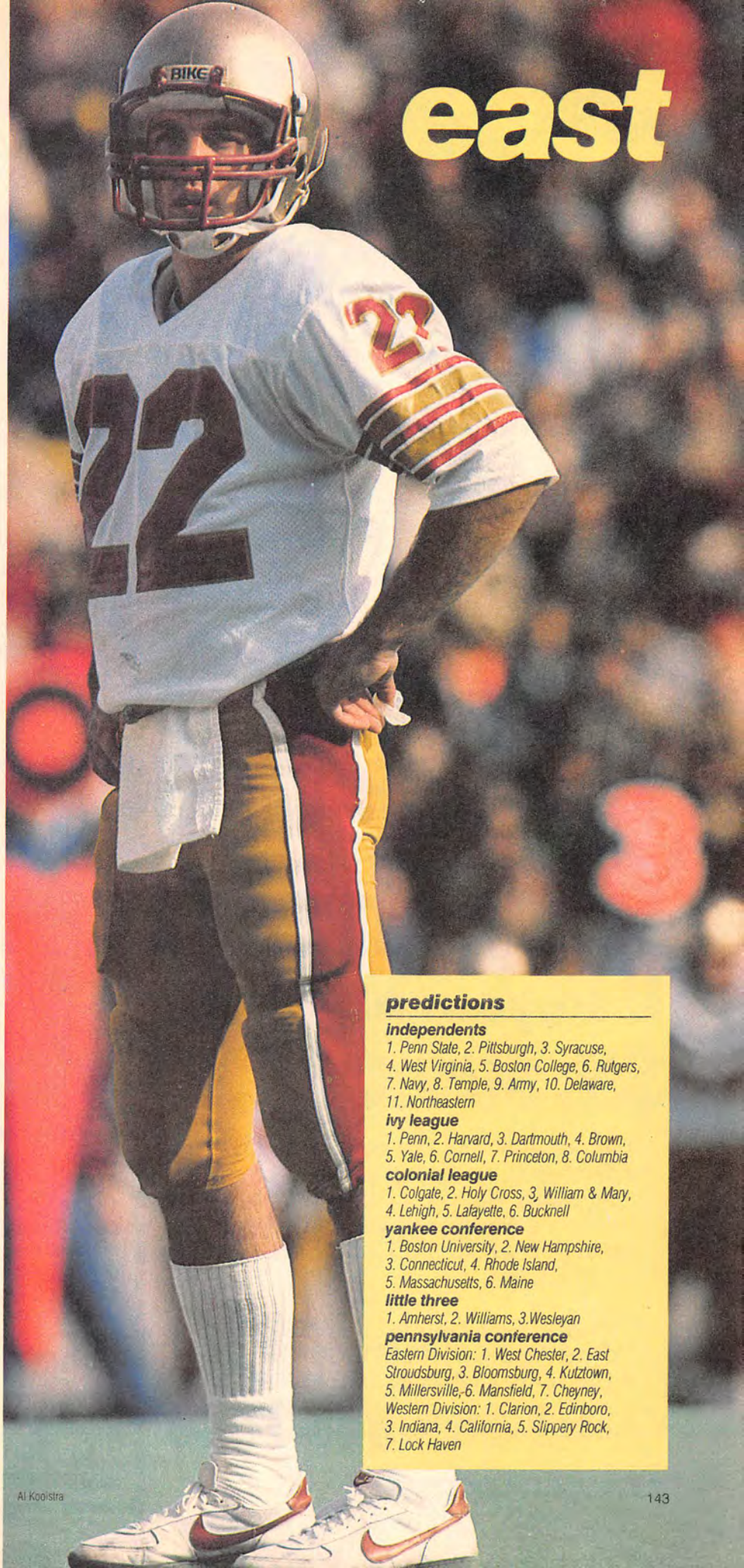
Pitt, after losing to West Virginia, needed a last-second field goal to squeak past Syracuse, then saw the shoe on the other foot when State booted one against the Panthers as the clock ran out for a 24-24 tie.

And Syracuse, coming on late in the year after a brutal start, was out in front of both the Lions and the Panthers before yielding in the end. But the Orange finished strong, rolling over Navy, BC, and West Virginia.

What it all adds up to is an overall balance at the top that the old East hasn't experienced in decades. And the best indicators say that more of the same will be on tap come '84. Four Eastern teams figure to go bowling again.

Many are installing the Eagles as the team to beat, thanks to the offensive fireworks that'll be generated by their record-wrecking Heisman Trophy hopeful, Doug Flutie. Pitt, led by its Outland—even Heisman—aspirant, tackle Bill Fralic, has its support group, while coach Joe Paterno's deeper Penn State legions are coming off an 8-1-1 finish. Like State, Syracuse has momentum going, too, with Dick MacPherson offering Orange fans more depth and potential than they've enjoyed since Ben Schwartzwalder ruled the Eastern roost. Don Nehlen's Morgantown entry appears to be solid again, while Rutgers will be making waves under new coach Dick Anderson, the former offensive coordinator at State under Paterno. Navy might be harboring the Heisman Trophy winner at Crabtown in the whirling dervish antics of All-America tailback and NCAA all-purpose running leader Napoleon McCallum. Temple figures to move up another notch this autumn in Bruce Arians's second year. Meanwhile, Jim Young has installed the wishbone in hopes that the Army will be able to control the ball by going overland.

If the East Indies are more scrambled than ever, what about the Ivies? The Order of the Ancient Eight has no clear-cut stickout either.



Quarterback Doug Flutie directs Boston College for the fourth year.

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1. Penn State, 2. Pittsburgh, 3. Syracuse, 4. West Virginia, 5. Boston College, 6. Rutgers, 7. Navy, 8. Temple, 9. Army, 10. Delaware, 11. Northeastern

ivy league
1. Penn, 2. Harvard, 3. Dartmouth, 4. Brown, 5. Yale, 6. Cornell, 7. Princeton, 8. Columbia

colonial league
1. Colgate, 2. Holy Cross, 3. William & Mary, 4. Lehigh, 5. Lafayette, 6. Bucknell

yankee conference
1. Boston University, 2. New Hampshire, 3. Connecticut, 4. Rhode Island, 5. Massachusetts, 6. Maine

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1. Amherst, 2. Williams, 3.Wesleyan

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Penn and Harvard, which shared the Ivy title last fall, could run one-two again. But don't count on it. Joe Restic's Crimson has a lot of depth, but he lost a lot of his starters to graduation. Jerry Berndt has had Penn rolling the last two falls, but he must rely on a strong defense to hold in '84. Dartmouth and Brown, now under another ex-Paterno aide, John Rosenberg, could be spoilers, while Yale hopes to rebound after the worst season in Eli history. Cornell and Princeton figure to be more exciting, while Columbia will dedicate its new stadium after spending the entire 1983 season on the road.

The East is generating other excitement in the formation of a new Colonial League, composed of Colgate, Holy Cross, William & Mary, Lehigh, Lafayette, and Bucknell. This I-AA sextet will meet informally for the next two years, then get into round-robin play in 1986.

Boston University has shared the Yankee Conference bean pot the last two seasons with other teams, but the Terriers still have managed to achieve their goal: gaining a spot in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Two years ago, it was a four-way tie, but BU made the playoffs by boasting the best record against the other leaders. Last year, the Terriers finished on top with Connecticut and again made the postseason play because of their 17-7 victory over the Huskies.

The Yankee Conference will continue to use the tie-breaker system for all its league games, but if All-America tailback Paul Lewis can duplicate his 1,680-yard, 21-touchdown season of a year ago, BU may not need it to show its championship class.

The new coach on the block is Bob Stull at Massachusetts. The offensive coordinator at the University of Washington, Stull replaces Bob Pickett. Down the road, possibly next year, the six-team Yankee Conference will be welcoming Delaware to its group. The move was approved last year, but scheduling difficulties have delayed the Blue Hens' entry.

After a ten-year stranglehold by Williams, Amherst has broken through for three straight Little Three championships. The triangular competition (Wesleyan is the other member) is big on tradition. Even when a team is struggling, all is forgiven if it wins the Little Three. The Lord Jeffs of Amherst, with all-purpose quarterback Jeff Templeton returning for his senior season, again are the favorites.

independents

PENN STATE

After an abysmal 0-3 start last fall, a good many fans began to write off Penn State. But coach Joe Paterno righted the Mount Nits, set an 8-1-1 course in the last ten games, including a win over Washington in the Aloha Bowl. That finish quieted critics more than anything else. But it also gave rise to a feeling that another giant of a grid team might be in the making. Coach Joe, beginning his nineteenth season at State, always enjoyed a challenge, and the year ahead will be no different. Fortunately he'll have 13 returning starters as a nucleus, and the "hard work in preparation for the bowl in Hawaii" should help this young team grow.

Penn State will build its offense around senior veteran Doug Strang, who hit more than 51 percent of his passes, good for 19 TDs and 1,944 yards. He'll offer the experienced air cover for soph tailback D. J. Dozier, the first Nittany frosh to gain 1,000 yards, and Tony Mumford. Depth at running back could be a problem. Dave Clark, Tim Manoa, and Steve Smith will vie for fullback. The receivers will be inexperienced, with George Alpert, who caught only four passes, the top returnee. Kevin Campbell should help there.

Several young players will stabilize the offensive line. It'll be paced by guard Todd Moules and tackle Stan Short. Such younger players as Rob Smith, Ed Boone, Dan Morgan, and Jeff Woofter need to improve to get more playing time. Nick Haden will be over the ball again.

Paterno thinks Penn State has "the makings for a very fine defensive team. We have to be more aggressive up front." That front will be young. Bob White is the lone returning starter at one flank, though John Walter and Tim Johnson saw service. Mike Russo is back at one tackle.

As usual, linebacking at State should be strong. Carmen Masciantonio returns as one

1984 all-east team

OFFENSE

Quarterback . . Doug Flutie . . SR . . Boston College
Running Back . . Napoleon McCallum . . SR . . Navy
Running Back . . Jaime Covington . . SR . . Syracuse
Running Back . . D.J. Dozier . . SOPH . . Penn State
Wide Receiver . . Bill Wallace . . SR . . Pitt
Tight End . . Alan Andrews . . SR . . Rutgers
Tackle . . Bill Fralic . . SR . . Pitt
Tackle . . Bob Brotzki . . SR . . Syracuse
Guard . . Mark MacDonald . . SR . . Boston College
Guard . . Stan Short . . SR . . Penn State
Center . . Bill Legg . . SR . . West Virginia
Place-kicker . . Paul Woodside . . SR . . West Virginia

DEFENSE

End . . Chris Doleman . . SR . . Pitt
End . . Bob White . . SOPH . . Penn State
Tackle . . Tim Green . . JR . . Syracuse
Tackle . . Eric Rutherford . . SR . . Navy
Nose Guard . . Mike Ruth . . JR . . Boston College
Linebacker . . Jamie Kimmel . . SR . . Syracuse
Linebacker . . Troy Benson . . SR . . Pitt
Linebacker . . John McCabe . . SR . . Colgate
Back . . Anthony Young . . SR . . Temple
Back . . Bill McGovern . . SR . . Holy Cross
Punter . . Steve Superick . . JR . . West Virginia

D.J. Dozier is the first Penn State frosh to run for 1,000 yards.

The Nittany Lions feature inside linebacker Carmen Masciantonio and quarterback Doug Strang (#18).

inside regular, with Don Graham and Bob Ontko also on hand. Outside, Shane Conlan and Rogers Alexander saw plenty of service.

The secondary must improve, and Paterno will build it around the three bowl starters: Mike Zordich, Chris Sydnor, and Lance Hamilton. Others to push them will be Darrell Giles, Ray Isom, and Duffy Cobbs. The place-kicking will again be handled ably by Nick Gancitano, who hit 17 of 21 three-pointers last fall, but the punting is wide open.

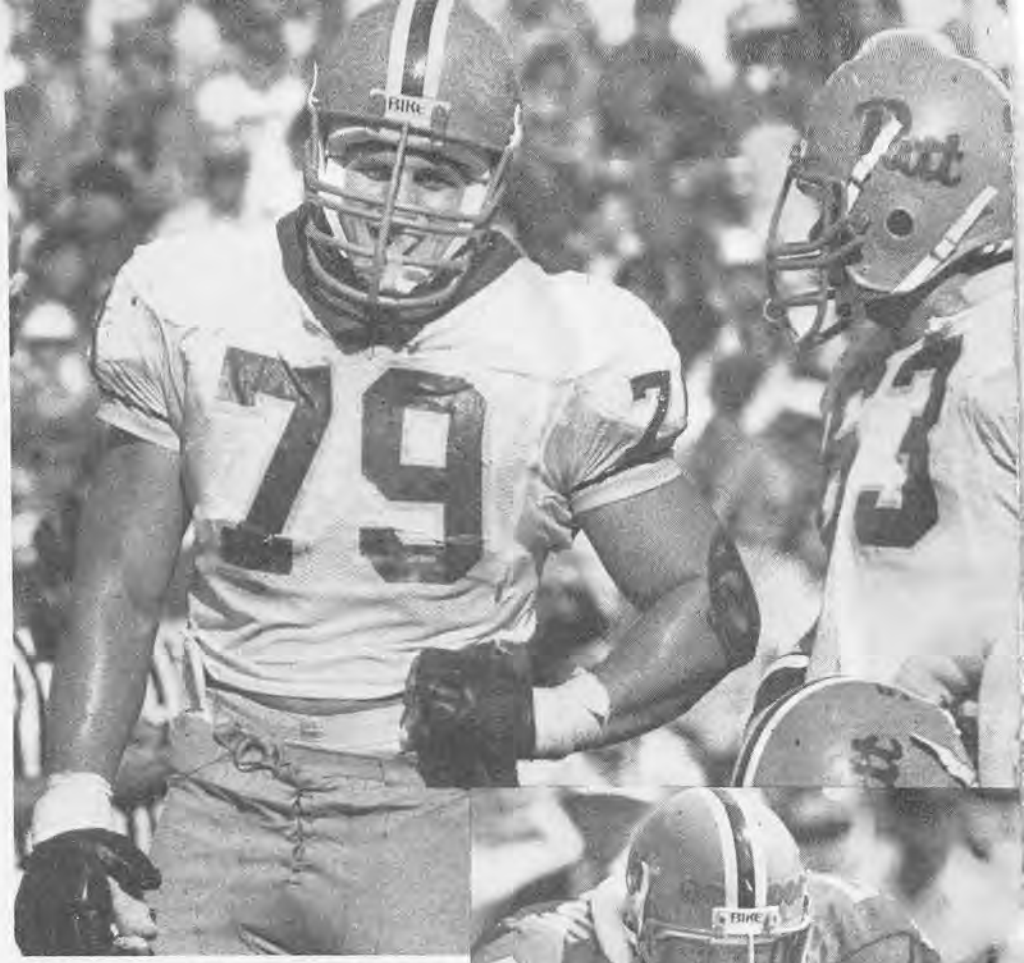
State seemed to have more determination and a better attitude in the offseason, and that could spell trouble for its foes. The early portion of the slate, however, is tough. If the Lions get away from the gate quickly, watch out!

PITTSBURGH

In the scramble for the Eastern championship last fall, the Pitt Panthers just might have been the best. But a couple of late lapses that let Penn State and Ohio State off the hook hurt the improving Jungle Cats from establishing their superiority. Coach Foge Fazio has a solid unit again, and if it can get past a formidable start, Pitt will have a banner season.

The top Panther is senior All-America Bill Fralic, who just might be the best football player in the land. He'll pace one of the country's best interior lines. Tony Brown will again team with him at tackle, while Bob Brown and Mike Dorundo return at the guard slots. Tight end Clint Wilson is solid, while split end Bill Wallace is the best receiver in the Northeast. The center is a problem, though Barry Pettyjohn gets first call.

Junior John Congemi, who took over the controls after John Cummings was hurt early, proved that he could get the job done. So Fazio has the two of them back and healthy now. There'll be a two-way fight at full, too, where Marlon McIntyre and Marc Bailey, both seasoned, return. Chuck Scales is a comer at tailback, as is Bill Owens, but the latter suffered a damaged knee in the spring.



Defensively, end Chris Doleman has "All" potential, and Tony Woods and Bill Sapio will vie for the other spot. Tim Quense and Bob Buczkowski will take care of one tackle, with Dennis Atiyeh at middle guard along with Bob Schilken. The latter might beef up the linebacking corps, led by seniors Troy Benson and Caesar Aldisert, last year's top tacklers. Steve Apka has experience, too. Melvin Dean is the only returning starter in the deep secondary, though Bill Callahan, Keith Tinsley, and Reggie Smith have some experience.

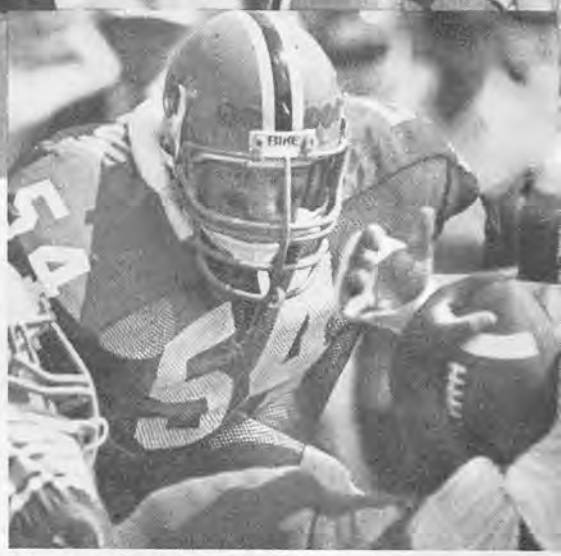
The kicking is a puzzlement. Chris Jelic should punt. Snuffy Everett and Pat Viancourt, who beat Syracuse with a last-second boot, will battle for the place-kicking role.

The Panthers, with 45 returning lettermen, have the potential to be one of the better teams in the land if the defensive line can come of age in a hurry.

SYRACUSE

After a difficult start, coach Dick MacPherson's Syracuse gridders came on with a flourish to sweep their last three games and finish with a 6-5 record. It was Mac's first winning season with the Orange in three tries. Not only did Syracuse win its last three, but two of those victories, over Boston College and West Virginia, were against bowl-bound squads, each of which was ranked in the Top 20. MacPherson feels that with that momentum, the Orange now has something to build on. "We were competitive last year," he feels, "but now we'll be a contender for Eastern honors."

This Syracuse squad is one that has a solid sprinkling of starters and letter winners spread over both platoons. The defense, which triggered last fall's comeback, is more set, for it's paced by All-America tackle candidate Tim Green, superior linebacker Jamie



Offensive tackle Bill Fralic (#79), linebacker Troy Benson (#54), and fullback Marlon McIntyre (above right) of the Pitt Panthers

Kimmel, and safety Ron Hobby. Gerry Allen, Rudy Reed, Doug Pina, and Bernie King are all back to work with Kimmel, while such newcomers as Jeff Knauff, Bill Hill, or Tom Watson will probably move in with Green when Syracuse sports a three-man front.

David Lee and Vic Bellamy are other seasoned starters in the secondary, while senior Jim Gorzalski, John Roos, Pete Ewald, and Tim Pidgeon give the Orange plenty of depth.

Jaime Covington, one of the better running backs in the nation, returns for his senior campaign. Finally healthy, he could have a banner season. Speedster Walt Moseley, fancy stepper Harold Gayden, and fullback Roland Grimes will team with Covington. The quarterback situation is more stable than it's been in quite some time, with veteran Todd Norley holding a slight edge over redshirt freshman Don McPherson, healthy again. "Mac" has more speed, but Norley is more experienced.

The receiving corps is flashier and deeper. Veterans Scott Schwedes and Mike Siano return, but they must fight off freshman flyer Tommy Kane and sprinter Mike Morris. Tackles Bob Brotzki and Doug Marrone, two good ones, lead the charge up front along with tight end Marty Chalk and center Jack Simko. Guard Steve Villanti is a polished blocker. The kicking should be well above average, thanks to veteran Don McAulay, who hit 15 of 21 three-pointers and all 19 of his extra points. Either Jim Fox or Tim Vesling will punt.

The Orange has more depth and experience than it's enjoyed in years, but the schedule is imposing. Seven rivals were in bowls last fall. The key to a big season is a fast start, especially offensively. The Orange defense should take care of itself if it's not left on the field too long.

WEST VIRGINIA

Most of the nation's fans haven't caught up with the fact that Don Nehlen's Mountaineers have posted three consecutive 9-3 seasons, including three straight bowl appearances. Another solid team is being constructed at Morgantown. Nehlen, though, must fill a few defensive holes. The linebacking is led by Dave Preston, who will be supported by the improving Van Richardson and Matt Smith. Derek Christian is a comer there, too. Others to help will be Cam Zopp, Fred Smalls, and West Turner. The deep secondary suffered losses, but Anthony Daniels looks for real and Mike Scott and Arthur Ashe should help. Up front, Ernie Anderson, Dale McDonald, and Brad Hunt stabilize the picture. Dave Grant and Jeff Luca can handle the tackles, with Brian Dick in reserve.

Nine starters return on offense, though Jeff Hostetler's departure leaves a big hole at the vital quarterback spot. Kevin White, the backup, could move up, though Nehlen will look also to Tony Reda, Mike Timkom, Steve Grober, and tall John Talley. Incumbent Ron Wolfley, backed by Tom Bowman, will handle fullback, while Tom Gray, Pat Randolph, and King Harvey all can tote the ball. In addition, John Gay, Tom Haley, and John Holifield have a lot of talent.

Big (6-6, 240) Rob Bennett will take care of tight end, with the wideouts also being exceptional, thanks to Gary Mullen, Wayne Brown, and Willie Drewrey. The offensive line will be led again by center Bill Legg, with guards Dave DeJarnett and Scott Barrows flanking him. Kurt Kehl locks up one tackle. Depth will be supplied by Scott Saylor, Tom Hamilton, and Tim Farris.

No team will enjoy better kicking than West Virginia, with All-America Paul Woodside returning for his final campaign. Woody's career stats are amazing: 59 of 70 field goals and only two missed extra points. Junior punter Steve Superick also returns.

Nehlen has one other edge this fall: seven games will be played at home. If he can solve some of his early defensive problems, West Virginia should be right in the thick of the fight for Eastern honors again.

BOSTON COLLEGE

"Flutie For Heisman!" That's the banner and bumper-sticker pitch on Chestnut Hill this fall signaling the senior campaign of Boston College's soaring Eagle, Doug Flutie, quarterback par excellence.

The Natick wunderkind sparked the Eagles to a 9-2 season and the Lambert Trophy in his junior year, which featured upset wins over Penn State and Alabama. More record-breaking figures are expected from this passing-running dervish this fall. However, it's a rugged September for coach Jack Bicknell's forces after an opening breather against I-AA Western Carolina, for Alabama and North Carolina follow and later defending national champ Miami. Still, 47 lettermen return, including 16 starters.

Flutie, third in last year's Heisman balloting, has passed for 7,279 yards and 40 TDs. Junior Troy Stradford, a stumpy runner, returns at tailback, with senior Jim Browne handling fullback along with Steve Strachan. The receivers will be talented, led by tight end Scott Gieselman, who reeled in 44 passes. Gerry Phelan heads the wideouts, with Kelvin Martin and Joe Giaquinto.

The interior line should be strong, with four of the five starters returning. Tackle Mark MacDonald has All-America potential. He'll team with Shawn Regent. Both scale 270 pounds. The coach's son, Jack Jr. will snap the ball again, with Mark Bardwell returning at one guard. Stever Trapilo could move in at the other spot. The depth will come from Jim Ostrowski, Karl Maier, and Darren Twombley.

Defensively, nose guard Mike Ruth is one of the strongest and quickest in the nation. Scott Harrington and Roy Norden will work with him up front, with soph Tom Porell seeing some playing time. Joe Thomas is a solid flank, with Chuck Gorecki probably working opposite him. The linebacking looks sharp, with soph Ted Gaffney back along with Andy Hemmer, who's healthy again. Ed Von Nessen, Pete Holey, and Jack Galvin will all be helpful. The deep backs are seasoned, led by Dave Pereira and Tony Thurman. In reserve are Karl Kreshpane, Carl Pellegata, and Ken Moriarity. The punting will be handled again by John Mihalik, with Kevin Snow and Brian Waldron hoping to improve on their placement efforts.

Bicknell hopes to crank out another winner, but it is imperative that Flutie remain healthy and at the throttle to repeat last year's sparkling success.

RUTGERS

It's said that you can't go home again, but new Rutgers' coach Dick Anderson, a vital member of the 1958 East Rutherford, NJ, High squad, will attempt to refute Thomas Wolfe as he tries to rebuild Rutgers into a football force. The Knights have fallen upon hard times of late, but Anderson, Penn State's offensive coordinator in recent years, has taken on the task at the state University of New Jersey. And the school's administrators have made a $3 million commitment to improve facilities to help Anderson make the grid package go.

He inherits 35 lettermen, including 14 regulars, from last year's 3-8 team. Two top receivers, flanker Andrew Baker and tight end Alan Andrews, combined for 85 catches. Center Joe DiGilio is one of the better players at his position in the Northeast, and place-kicker

Running back Jaime Covington (#45) and quarterback Todd Norley expect to lead Syracuse to a bowl in '84.

Tom Angstadt is solid. Junior tailback Albert Smith has led the Scarlet in rushing in his first two seasons. The quarterback role could fall to Rusty Hochberg, a talented returnee who's recovered from knee surgery. Joe Gagliardi and Gene Adams will back him up, now that Anderson is trying former southpaw quarterback Jacques LaPrarie at strong safety. Hochberg had won the starting post before he was hurt. Vernon Williams, a hard-nosed fullback, returns to team with Smith, with big

Dwayne Hooper in reserve. Another receiver, split end Boris Pendergrass, returns for his last hurrah. Up front, guard Clement Udovich and tackle Mike Brenner return to their regular jobs, along with DiGilio. Jerome Foster, Ed Getz, and Tony Rigole, all of whom saw plenty of playing time, are the top candidates to fill out the line.

Defensively, Lionel Washington will shore up one flank again, with George Pickel at the nose and Harry Swayne at one tackle. Jim Pickel could be the other end. Last year's frosh sensation, Tyronne Stowe, paces the linebackers. He's joined by Matt Bachman, Andre Cox, and Mercer Hedgeman. The deep secondary must be rebuilt, for John Cummins and Harold Young are the only seasoned returnees. If LaPrarie makes the switch, he could help.

Anderson has been given time to pump new life into the Scarlet, but his organizational ability and methods might surprise a few foes in his very first season on the Raritan.

Nose guard Mike Ruth (#68) and defensive tackle Scott Harrington anchor the Boston College front.

NAVY

Despite a banner season from the NCAA all-purpose running leader, All-America Napoleon McCallum, Navy had a 3-8 season last fall. Only a 42-13 triumph over archrival Army saved 1983 from being a disaster.

Coach Gary Tranquill is hopeful that 14 returning starters among his 26 lettermen will turn the Middies into a winner again. If so, they'll have to ride Mac's coattails. He'll keep any defense honest with his slashing, difficult-to-tackle style. But the Sailors will have to provide a little more air cover this fall if they're to put more points on the board. McCallum set a school mark of 1,587 yards rushing.

Tight end Mark Stevens (41 catches) is a good blocker-receiver, while Doug Rhodes is an outstanding offensive guard. Chris Weiler, Greg Blanchard, and Ken Heine all lettered as wideouts. Working with Rhodes will be Mark Long, while Rich Cooms will handle one tackle and Gregg Sears will be over the ball again. Bob Dill and Bob Goodman provide depth. If Ricky Williamson can improve his throwing, Tranquill will breathe easier. Juniors Sean Cannon and Adam Meinrod wait in the wings. McCallum will be backed up by the veteran Rich Clouse, while another senior, Marc Alexander, will probably step in at fullback. Also available are Eric Sauerbrey and John Berner.

Defensively, the Middies will be young, with senior tackle Eric Rutherford the only sure starter. The battle for the other down spots will be waged by tackles Ron Zaleski and Dave Pimpo and nose guard Dirk MacFarlane. Up from the frosh are Enoch Blozis, Jack Cayouette, and Marty Schaefer. Junior Eric Fudge will take care of one end, with John Fuller probably at the other. Murray Cook and Ken Rouser will be helpful. Sam Doman started some games as a backer and may pair with Greg Schildmeyer, a tight end last fall. Dale Ormond and Mike Moore are also in the picture. Eric Wallace, a crack safety, leads the secondary. He'll team with junior Steve Brady, with soph Vince McBeth at rover. Joe Papettie will also see some action. Punter Mark Colby returns, and Todd Solomon is a seasoned place-kicker.

Once again, the Middies look overmatched, but Tranquill is hopeful that the traditional fighting spirit of the team will be worth a couple of victories.

TEMPLE

New coach Bruce Arians finally salvaged some momentum in his rookie season with the Owls by winning his last two games. He's hopeful that will carry over into the new campaign, when he'll have 46 lettermen back.

The Owls will be more established this fall, with exceptionally strong receiving: Russell Carter, Willie Marshall, and Ellis Primus. The offensive line has four returnees who started at one point, with guard John Rienstra a stick-out. Tackle Eric Coss is a good one, too. Scott Andrien and Jim Ermert are experienced at tight end. Others up front to watch are guard Trent Conelias, center Brian Gassert, and tackle Kevin Witchey. Quarterbacking is a question, though soph Lee Saltz will get first call. He saw some service in '83. Paul Palmer, the Rookie of the Year in the East last fall, is a stylish running back, but he broke his foot in spring drills. Others in the picture are Keith Armstrong, Roderick Moore, and Shelley Poole at fullback, with Brian Slade working both spots.

The defensive secondary should be strong, with All-America candidate Anthony Young leading the way. He'll work with such seasoned backs as Larry Brewton and corner Pervis Herder. The linebackers are headed by Paul Darragh, with Doug Davis, Ken Coffin, Matt McHugh, Bill Perna, and Ed Shubeck offering additional help. Chuck Cohen is an outstanding tackle and Tim Hanley holds up one end. Other defenders up front are Lloyd Yancey, Bob Marra, and Jeff Ward.

Eastern standouts (from the top): West Virginia WR Wayne Brown, Rutgers tailback Albert Smith, RB Napoleon McCallum of Navy, and Temple safety Anthony Young

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There'll be an interesting wind-up to the campaign. As part of Temple University's centennial celebration, the Owls entertain Toledo indoors at Convention Hall in nearby Atlantic City. Arians is rebuilding the Owls, but that schedule has too many booby traps for him to improve much on last fall's 4-7 record.

ARMY

Army has gone to the wishbone offense under Jim Young, now in his second year on the Hudson. Of course that means that the Cadets will be running the football more and passing it less.

Young, who suffered through a 2-9 rookie season, will build his '84 array around 45 returning lettermen, with Nate Sassaman and Rob Healy leading the quarterback corps now that last year's starter, Bill Turner, has left the squad. Sassaman played in the deep secondary last fall. He's a good option runner, whereas Healy is probably the better passer. Also moving over from deep defense is Dee Bryant, who's impressed at tailback, with Jarvis Hollingworth at the other running spot. Fullback honors are up for grabs among Tom Perry, Dave Pratt, Doug Black, and Paul Ostrowski. Scott Spellmon is an outstanding receiver, grabbing 34 last fall, while Rob Dickerson returns as tight end. Up front, Ron Rice is back to snap the ball, with Don Smith and Vince McDermott flanking him. Church Matthews, Jeff Karsonovich, and Dan Sauter are returning lettermen. There's plenty of seasoning at the tackles, too, where Dave Woolfolk, Bill Kime, Karl Heineman, Pete Edmonds, and Dean Chamberlain still roam.

The defensive line should be a lot stronger. Rob Ulses is a crack nose guard, but he will have to do the job alone until Mike Staver recovers from spring knee surgery. Mike Sears, Jim Jennings, and Mike Newsome pace the tackles, with such lettermen as Brad Allen, Tom Mallow, Kurt Gutierrez, and Lou Dainty in a four-way fight for the end jobs. The two top tacklers, Jim Gentile and John Roney, pace the linebackers, though there's a lack of depth to back up this outstanding pair. Corners Eric Griffin and Kermit McKelvy have starting experience and should be better, with Bob Silver, Mike Tease, Mark Buckner, Doug Pavek, John Thomson, and Darold Londo fighting for the open deep spots. Craig Stopa, one of the better place-kickers in Army history, is back, but Young needs a punter.

Overall, the wishbone should help Army control the football more, but Young has a green squad and doesn't look like he'll win more than three or four games.

DELAWARE

Tubby Raymond (153-52-2) begins his nineteenth year with the Blue Hens, and he'll be looking to restore them, 4-7 in 1983, to their winning ways this season.

Quarterback B.J. Webster was the eleventh-leading total-offense performer (173.4 yards) in Division I-AA. But he'll be challenged for the No. 1 job by John Spahr and Rich Gannon, who threw for over 1,600 yards in just five games with the frosh. Providing the targets for them are tight end Steve Pontiakos (18-252-5) and wide receiver Gary Darienzo (10-175), with Mike Lane and Todd Lott in reserve roles. The offensive lines features center Gary Johanson, guards Marc Rossi and Paul Chikotas, and Mike Hoban, Jeff Rosen, Chuck Clark, Bob Uffelman, and George Herina, if he's healthy, fighting for the remaining positions. Fullback Dan Reeder (177-763-2) returns for his third year as a first-stringer. Chris Heier, the team's leading receiver (29 catches for 346 yards) and third leading rusher (51-210-1) is at one halfback spot, with Tim Slagle or John Merklinger joining him at the other.

The Hens must replace eight starters on the defense. Redshirt Ali Witherspoon will be one linebacker. Russ Snyder, Tom Gibbons, Joe McHale, and Steve Butz will compete for the other jobs in that unit. The secondary returns only all-star candidate Mike Harris at cornerback. He'll team with Eric Hammack, Jeff Hynoski, Tyrone Jones, Phil Atwell, and Mike Haudenschield are also in the picture. The line features starters Gary Cannon, Vaughn Dickinson, Chuck Brice, and Eric Leaks.

Army quarterback Rob Healy (top), Northeastern running back Gary Benoit, and defensive back Tim Chambers (#22) of Pennsylvania

NORTHEASTERN

The Huskies, a Division I-AA Independent, were 6-4-1 a year ago, finishing with a 31-14 win over Massachusetts in the last game. Paul Pawlak, entering his fourth year at the helm, has 34 lettermen returning from that unit.

The Huskies will be without defensive end Sean Jones this season. He was the first selection of the Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Raiders in the spring draft. But the line retains talent and experience in Joe Ricciardi, Ed Nardini, Rick Zieja, Ed Correa, and Ray "Refrigerator" Querey. The standout in this platoon, however, in strong safety Peter Brown, one of New England's finest. Shawn O'Malley and John Butcofski fortify the linebacking.

Either Mike Sweeney (5 for 9 and 37 yards) or Arnold Sweepson will handle the quarterback role. The rest of the backfield is strong, with the return of fullbacks Mark Curtin and Dennis O'Leary and halfbacks Gary Benoit and Keith Wright. Bob Buonopane is the deep receiving threat. Scott McDonald, Eric Stokes, Carl Jenkins, Todd Sandham, and Gerry Healy comprise the line.

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PENNSYLVANIA

It won't be Penn's luck anymore to sneak up on its Ivy lodge brothers, for the Quakers have been co-champions for the past two seasons. And coach Jerry Berndt, who has done an outstanding job in rebuilding the proud Red and Blue. He's optimistic about 1984, for returning are 36 lettermen, with the defensive platoon having most of its starters back. In addition, the attack, though depleted, has more of the skilled position people returning.

Penn's multiple attack was balanced perfectly last year between the run and the pass, and helping to direct the same delicate offense is senior quarterback John McGeehan. He flipped for nine TDs, hitting 79 of 169 passes for 1,266 yards. Two top tailbacks return to work with him, Stan Koss and Steve Ortman, who rushed for 527 and 436 yards, respectively. Koss could be moved to fullback. A soph runner to watch is Rich Comizio. Most of the hot receivers are gone, but Jim O'Toole, and the Buehlers, Pat and Warren, return. Berndt is high on tight end Lal Heneghan. A pair of seniors, center Joe Smailis and tackle Ed Foley, pace the offensive front. Tom Galli, Jeff Goyette, and Dan Brletich fill out the line.

Defensively, the Quakers look strong, Steve Pisano, Jerry McFadden, and Ken Coombs will handle the flanks, with Tom Gilmore shoring up one tackle. He'll probably team with Scott Nuelle, while Joe Lorenc, a good rusher, will play the nose. Dexter Desi comes up from the frosh with high marks. Kevin Bradley, a top tackler, paces the linebackers. His helpers will include Peter Gallagher. Gavin O'Connor, Denton Walker, and Joe Grabmeier (a perfect name for a tackler). Tim Chambers and Ross Armstrong pace the deep secondary, and Duane Hewlett and Keenan Nix add depth. Punter Sam Coroniti returns, but Berndt is concerned about place-kicking. Senior Fernando Bacattini might take over.

Overall, Penn looks like one of the better teams in the league, probably the one to beat. But the "D" must hold that line while the young attack matures.

HARVARD

A fast finish permitted coach Joe Restic's Crimson to wind up as co-champions of the Ivy League again, but wholesale graduation losses will put the stretch on a repeat performance in 1984, as 16 starters have departed. "Our real key losses are on the defensive side of the ball," says Restic, who is beginning his fourteenth year, "and defense was the key to our success."

The strong suit should still be the deep backs. Ken Tarczy and K.C. Smith both came on strong, and senior Brian Bergstrom is a solid corner. The free safety could be Bill Hyland or Cecil Cox. The linebacking must be shored up. Senior Dan Bennett returns, but four juniors are untested. They are: Brent Wilkinson, John Gibbons, Larry Bean and Chris Hannan. Up front, senior Barry Ford can handle one tackle, while Peter Mackie, Brent Clapacs, and Eric Eakin saw limited duty last year. Dave Fanikos is solid at the nose guard, with Rob Hobart as the backup. Steve Anderson and Peter Mielach, both inexperienced, could move in at the flanks.

The offensive line should be reasonably strong, led by All-Ivy tackle Roger Caron. He has pro potential. Mike Pascucci will again be alongside him. Sam Jensen will be over the ball. Ben Thio saw spot duty at one of the guards, while senior tackle Reggie Davis will try to shake off a series of injuries. George Kostakos and Tom Moffatt provide depth. Captain-elect Steve Abbott will handle tight end, with Bob Hoog in reserve. Pat Coyne is a wideout, and Mike Hart, Rich Heise, and John Lowenstein all have potential.

Dartmouth tailback Rich Weissman

There's depth at quarterback. Senior Tony DiCesare is coming off a shoulder injury, while other classmates worth a look are Eric Fee, Ron Kind, Greg Kouvelas, and Dennis Vecchi. Juniors Brian White and Mike Haas may also see service. There's quality among the running backs. Senior Mark Vignali has done the tailbacking and is the one to beat. Rob Santiago had moments last fall. Tim Manges could be the wingback, with Brian Cooke at full. Senior Jim Lowe and Junior Chris Ridout are also in the picture. The kicking game is a question, though Rob Steinberg came on late last fall and could do both the punting and the placement work. Another candidate is junior Andy Maretz.

Once again, this is a Harvard team that must be restructured and rely heavily on its defense until Restic can get his tricky attack clicking.

DARTMOUTH

Coach Joe Yukica's 1984 Big Green footballers will be paced by the defense. Seventeen players return from the final game's defensive two-deep, and if the attack can come along, Dartmouth should make another run for the Ivy title.

The cornerstones of the "D" will be co-captain and cornerback Don Pomeroy and safety Dan Carson, plus down linemen Andy Osman and Mike Oniskey. Linebackers Len Fontes and Ed Simpson are also returning starters. But Yukica must find a new nose guard plus some linebacking help. Rounding out the deep defense will be returnees Scott Kehoe and Greg Cole, while a solid tackle from the frosh, George Balchunas, plus ends Jon Winslow and Rusty Gardner fill up the front.

Mike Caraviello steps in a quarterback in his senior season. He should be able to get the job done, for he played well in his soph season in leading the Green to an Ivy title. He'll team with returning tailback starter Rich Weissman, who led the squad in rushing with 584 yards. He also catches the ball well com-

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ing out of the backfield. Another fine target is wideout Mike Viccora. He grabbed the winning touchdown late in the Yale game and also made two scoring catches against Penn. Overall, Viccora averaged more than 17 yards per reception. Big Mike Martin should pace the interior line from his tackle post, and Matt Burke is a dependable tight end. Dave Kitchen, another soph, brings solid credentials to the end corps. The bulk of the offensive wall must be rebuilt. Place-kicker Craig Saltzgaber, who hit all 23 of his PATs and eight of 13 field-goal attempts, returns. The punter could be Dan Fleishman, up from the frosh.

BROWN

A new coach, John Rosenberg, has replaced the talented John Anderson at Brown, but another Ivy contender seems to be safely in the works for the rugged Bears. Rosenberg, who spent nine years learning under Brown alumnus Joe Paterno before serving with the Philadelphia Eagles, inherits 33 lettermen, including 11 starters, from a team which tied for third in the Ivy League.

The situation at running back looks like it's in good shape, thanks to the return of fullback Steve Heffernan, as good as there is in the loop, and tailback Jamie Potkul. And the receivers are veteran, too, with seven of the eight top catchers back. Split end Dave Fielding and flanker John Monaghan both can go get 'em, and tight end Rich Chapman has good hands, too. Sophs Pete Zidlicky and Joe Reilly will help as well. Heffernan, the top rusher, will keep any defense honest, while the junior Potkul finished strongly. Brian Heffernan, Steve's brother, is the backup. Quarterback is a problem, but junior Steve Kettelberger looked impressive in his limited action. Either he or Doug Frankel will handle the controls, though Mike Pisani, up from the frosh, will be given a good look. The interior line has a solid nucleus, led by center Chris Vaughn, an All-Ivy performer. Tackle Matt Paknis will anchor one side, with Chapman at tight end. Big Rich Collet could team with Paknis, while Scott Sullivan and Brian Daly lead the guard charge. The kicking game is strong, thanks to junior Chris Ingerslev, place-kicker de luxe. Veterans Frankel and Paul Bogdanovich are both back to handle the punting.

The defensive front must be rebuilt, though starting tackle Ted Moskala and end Bruce Taylor are back. Senior ends Scott Graham and Chris Alderman will battle for the other spot. Chris Good and Tom Catena are hopefuls to fill the other vacant slots. Backers Pat McCormach and Bill Kramer return, but these youngsters must fill other shoes: Chris Mazur, John McDermott, and Brian Murphy. The secondary is solid, with three starters returning in Mark Kachmer, Greg Hausler, and Pete Gundermann. Chris Girard and George Klipa should vie for the open spot.

Overall, Rosenberg figures to be able to get off on the right foot if he can solve his quarterback situation early, for he's got enough other veteran talent available to form a winner.

YALE

Key injuries raised havoc with Yale last fall, causing the Elis to suffer through a 1-9 campaign, the most losses in the team's lofty history. It meant last place in the Ivy League, the circuit that it ruled 11 times.

Perhaps veteran coach Carm Cozza will find a silver lining in all this. Because of problems encountered in '83, he had to employ a large number of new faces, and by the end of the season, eight sophomores had made their way into the starting lineup. So the return of that young, experienced crop, together with the addition of what seemed to be a fine frosh group, indicates that better times are ahead. Beginning his twentieth season at Yale, Cozza feels that "we have to be considered a dark horse, but we feel we have a shot at it."

The offense returns four regulars, led by quarterback Mike Curtin, top receiver Kevin Moriarity, center Marty Martinson, and place-kicker Bill Moore. Curtin showed that he could do the job. His backup will be Mike Stewart or Don Mahlke, up from the frosh. Last year's

Yale receiver Mark Quinlivan

reserves, Mike Luzzi and Mike Cyr, figure to be switched to other roles. The I-back is wide-open. Junior Dave Kline has first call, but don't count out Chip Bonny or Paul Spivack. Ed MacAulay could step in as a soph. Moriarity led the pass-catchers. He impressed as a soph last fall, with 27 catches. Marc Quinlivan and Eugene Profit are the deep threats. Senior Tim O'Shea also returns. Wingback could be a battle between Profit and Luzzi. Senior tight end Andy Marwede returns, too. The offensive line is a question mark, though center Martinson returns and Steve Anderer will be at one guard. Steve Skwara figures at one tackle, with Roger Anderson, Rich Powers, and Jim Maxwell battling for regular roles. Some help could come from sophs Mike Comeau, Ken Lund, and Chris Martin.

"Defensively, we'll be a better team," said Cozza. There seems to be more quickness and speed. Carmen Ilacqua, healthy again, will handle one linebacking role, and Ardel McKenna, now experienced after being tossed into the breach, another, John Quinn is back, after injuries forced him out, and Todd Presnick and Tim Weber should help. Up front, John Zanieski is a solid middle guard, with Kaare Kolstad and Bullpup MVP Yves LaBissiere ready to step in at tackle. There is quality at the ends, where Bob Keenan, Derek Kay, and Mike LaSpina have had experience, though they lack size, Dave Myerson and Aaron Osleger are a pair of eye-popping sophs. The deep secondary is experienced. Tim Kotkiewicz led with four interceptions, while Bob Dooley and Steve Penders also started. Tony Resch, John Shannon, or Mike Flannery will battle for the vacant monster role. The kicking should be outstanding, thanks to Moore and punter Hank Eaton.

It's difficult to figure how much better the Elis will be, but it's a certainty that they'll display marked improvement. And if they remain healthy, the Bulldogs will do more than bark this fall.

CORNELL

Personable Maxie Baughan's first Big Red team got away slowly but gathered steam as the year sped by, finishing with three straight wins. That enabled Cornell to play .500 ball in

Cornell tailback Tony Baker

the Ivy League and finish in a deadlock for fifth place. A good mixture of returning starters gives Maxie hope for better things in '84. He also feels that the momentum of last November's finish carried over during the offseason.

There are quality backs and backers, but the interior line must be rebuilt and the receiving corps lacks speed. Fullback Mark Miller, injured in last year's opener, returns. He'll team with senior Tony Baker. A soph to watch is fullback Ken Johnson. Junior Shawn Maguire, who started every game as a soph, is the quarterback. Dave Mazurek could push him. Jim Perrelo leads the receivers. Steve Garrison is a good tight end. Wideout Paul Fochesato has experience. The line will be inexperienced, though. Guard John Gabel, center Tom Cifrino, and tackle Steve Idziur will lead the charge. Tackle Dom Albanese has possibilities. Center Mike Wagner, a transfer, could challenge.

Senior John Passalacqua leads the defensive front from his tackle spot. Bob DeSantis will join him. Kurt Reardon will be a backup. Others in the picture are Sean Kenny, Howard Feiler, and Dave Van Metre. Backing them up will be senior Jim Studnicka, a solid outside backer. Mark Erame and Keith Bakowski should move into starting roles, with Dan McMahon seeing playing time. Inside, Mike Lally, Tom Bernardo, and Mike Jones should split the duties. In the deep secondary, Scott Sidman is the most experienced of the returnees. Bill Borden lettered at weak safety. Gregg Hofstetter and Jeff Palazzese will battle for the corner spots. Frank Farace, a fine kick returner, could see service, too. Senior punter George Coltrin is back, though his 32.7 average is barely adequate. Bill Goldy is the place-kicker. Two sophs, Tom Aug and Erik Bernstein, will be given good looks.

Baughan's Red legions made big strides in his first year and should improve this fall. But it looks like Cornell is still at least a year away contending for the Ivy title.

PRINCETON

The Nassau Tigers have added an explosive passing game to their repertoire under the direction of Frank Navarro, but some of it exploded in their faces late last fall, when Princeton dropped five of its last six games despite averaging 29 points. Still, the Tigers see better days ahead, thanks to the return of 14 starters, seven on each side of the ball. Despite last fall's woes, Navarro feels that the defense is now "encouraging."

Junior Doug Butler comes off a superlative season quarterbacking Nassau and should only get better. He set six Princeton passing marks, earning Ivy Soph of the Year. Peter Blessing and Kory Wilson will back him up. Ralph Ferraro, only the third back in Tiger history to rush for more than 1,000 yards, will have to be replaced. Senior Dan Pellegrino and Chris Ratliff get first call. Mike Coveny, a solid blocker, returns at fullback. Ken Hart, Mark Dexter, and Ted Fire will compete for the flanker spot; All-Ivy Derek Graham, who caught 84 balls last fall, leads the receivers. His catches, good for 11 TDs, gained 1,321 yards. Others who'll be spotted are Tom Urquhard and Pete Askey. The tight end will be either Greg Luczak or Greg Kaiser, both of whom are seasoned.

Up front, the Tigers should be tops. Chal Taylor and Jack DeWalt pace the guard corps, with the experienced Alonzo Bell and Eric Dreiband handling the tackles. The wide-open center spot should be filled by Felix Ficcio or Kevin Slayden, a pair of juniors.

Defensively, tackles Mark Berggren and Mark von Kreuter lead the front. Jim Petrucci should move into the nose-guard slot, with Chuck Wooten also in the running. The flanks will be solid, led by senior Kevin Patrick, with Mark Petruzziello and Briant Hetherington battling for the other spot. The linebacking is young. Junior Anthony DiTomasso should move into one spot, with Lorne Keller at the other. Mike Mitchell and Pete Mitchell are in reserve. Joe Harvey returns at one of the deep spots, with Eric Robinson back at strong safety. Mark Malias, Kyle Heffley, and Dave McEachern will fight for the weak slot. Place-kicker Mike Miskovsky, who hit all 29 PATs, returns for his senior campaign. Kyle Heffley or Rob DiGiacomo should punt.

Princeton tackle Mark Berggren

Once again the Tigers figure to be one of the more exciting teams in the East, though if Navarro could figure a way to put more starch in the "D," Princeton alums would be happier.

COLUMBIA

After spending the entire 1983 season on the road while a new stadium was going up, coach Bob Naso and his Columbia Lions will be delighted to return home and dedicate their brand-new facility against Harvard. To go along with their new surroundings, the Lions figure to be quite improved over last year's pass-minded eleven, which beat only Yale and tied a pair. Naso puts it even stronger by saying, "I think we have the personnel this year to make the jump from 'competitive' to 'winning.'"

Last year, the Lions had late leads that evaporated against three foes. Otherwise, they'd have played .500 ball. Defense figures to be the strength of the '83 team. It'll be built around a fine linebacking corps, headed by juniors Winslow Cervantes and Dave Nickerson, the team's top tacklers last fall. They'll work in the middle, while Rick Cavalli and co-captain Tony Mazzarini handle the outside. Chris Guth will be in reserve. Kirk Adams returns at strong safety. Up front, Columbia will be experienced, too. Nose guard Paul Myers has improved and tackles Frank Mambuca, Eric Dill, and Bill Strack all return. Dan Foote and Wayne Snyder are in reserve.

Offensively, losing record-wrecking passer John Witkowski will hurt, but the receiving should be strong again. Mike Francesconi and Jim Green lead the returnees. Sophs John Garrett and Dan Botich look capable. Juniors Pete Murphy and John Ardy have first crack at quarterback, but don't overlook soph Peter von Schoenmarchk or junior Henry Santos, who was last year's free safety. The running attack should be improved with senior Darryl Mitchell healthy once again. Up front, tight end Dan Upperco, tops in the Ivy League, is solid, while tackle Ed Barreiro and guard Len Genova were regulars. Last year's frosh must help here. Junior Larry Walsh will again handle the place-kicking, while Pete Murphy is back to do the punting.

Overall, the new stadium should give the team a big lift, and that home enthusiasm should spell improvement in '84.

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COLGATE

Another top Division I-AA vehicle figures to roll off coach Fred Dunlap's Colgate assembly line, for in eight seasons his Red Raiders have compiled an eviable 54-30-2 mark. His last two teams have qualified for the NCAA post-season playoffs. Returning to make the offense go again is senior quarterback Steve Calabria, a school record-breaker already. According to Dunlap, the defense should have more speed, mobility, and quickness.

Calabria holds 29 Colgate passing records plus seven total-offense marks. He's the top returning I-AA quarterback, having passed for 6,135 yards. Tom Burgess is his backup. The running-back situation is a cause for concern, due to the graduation of super tailback Rich Erenberg. Stacy Hall, small but quick, and fullback Bob Clark are the ones to beat. Barry Chubb, Roland Foster, and John Roland supply depth. Bob Raughley, coming off knee surgery, is a question mark at tight end. Junior Scott Whyatt might fill the slot. The wideout corps looks solid, led by Tom Stenglein, Steve Kinney, and Brian Salerno. Inside, guards Rich Clancy and Mark McDonald pace the group, with Marc Lower in reserve. Mike Smith is the center, with Eric Andersen, Scott Lesperance, Don Day, and Don Franklin fighting for tackle recognition.

Defensively, the front suffered graduation losses, but the replacements look adequate. Joe Rhoades, Chris Kirby, Matt Tengi, Doug Colasurdo, and Mark DeLoux have talent but little experience. Bill Hecht and Tom LeLoup will handle the flanks. The linebacking looks strong, led by co-captain John McCabe, the leading tackler last season. Tim Driver returns as well. John Muckstadt, Steve Bauman, and Jim Lewis will get playing time, while John Torres is the best of the outside pack. The secondary is young. Eugene Robinson has recovered from a leg fracture. He'll be joined by Dave Reed and Mike Todisco, with Neil Viserto working at free safety. Walt Lopus and Tony Thompson should share the strong safety. Punter Mark Brown is back for his third year, while the talented Mike Powers, who set a school mark for kicking points, is also back.

Colgate quarterback Steve Calabria

HOLY CROSS

In his three years at Worcester, Rick Carter has turned the scrappy Crusaders into a winner. Last year's nine-win season and the capture of the Lambert Cup, awarded to the top I-AA Eastern eleven, was the highlight. Another fine recruiting class should mean even more success in '84.

"We return all of the skill people on offense," beams Carter, "and that should make it the strong part of our game." Heading up that sector is third-year starter at quarterback and co-captain Peter Muldoon and crack running back Gil Fenerty. The latter rushed for over 1,100 yards and 15 TDs, while Muldoon has the potential to be the best statistical passer in Holy Cross history. He clicked on 117 of 217 passes last year for 1,575 yards. And he rushed for four scores. Dave Hock and Chris

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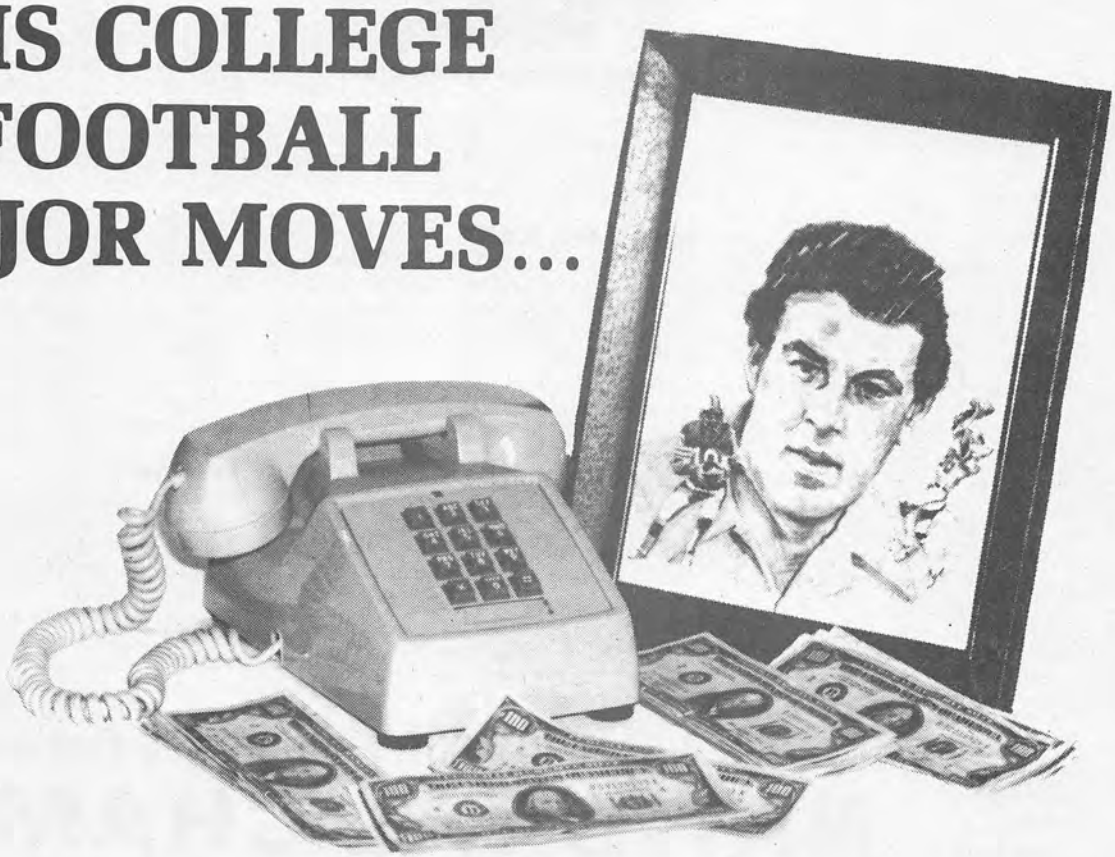

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Lucas will back him up. Behind the explosive Fenerty is Sandy McMurtry. Starter Chuck Doyle returns at fullback, but he'll have to fight off soph Tom Kelleher, with Glenn Marina in reserve. Crack receiver Bill Cowley returns for his senior year. He'll snap a few records before he's done. Working with him will be Wayne Jackson or Rick Lane. At tight end is Greg Laugeni, one of the better blockers and catches in the East. The line will have to be rebuilt around All-America center candidate Larry Weaver and guard Kevin Garvey. Rob Silinski or Tom Nield could win the other guard spot, while such reserves as Kevin Reilly, Jack Maher, and Dick Mulligan could blossom as the new tackles.

On defense, the line has speed and strength plus an ability to pursue. Tackle Jim Healy and Dave Neilson will lead the charge; Brian Collins and Ed Kutschke both lettered. John Hackney paces the end candidates, with such letter winners as Brian Connelly and Mike Dooley pressing for starting roles. The linebacking corps has experience and depth. Starter Don Zelinski is tops and healthy. Kevin Murphy saw some starting service, while a pair of sophs, Jerry McCabe and Scotty Rudy, are impressive. The brightest spot of the "D" is the secondary, where Bill McGovern returns. He picked off six passes. Cornerback Jim Boyle has pro promise, while Dave Shimshock returns to action after a year of ineligibility. Tom Patton also started last fall and is back at strong safety. John Vesprani should occupy one corner. Ace place-kicker Tony

QB Peter Muldoon of Holy Cross

Melink, who owns virtually every school record, is back for his last season, while Pat McCarty, who averaged more than 38 yards, will handle the punting chores.

WILLIAM & MARY

Young Jimmye Laycock and his Indians have been improving, and last fall they were 6-1 against their own Division I-AA level of competition. More of the same is expected from this year's Tribe.

They like to throw the football and will behind Stan Yagiello, who Laycock feels is "one of the premier quarterbacks in the country." He started last fall before suffering a shoulder injury. Speedy Michael Clemons figures to move in at tailback, with Bobby Wright returning at fullback. Laycock must rebuild the offensive line, but there is a nucleus returning in center Bob Solderitch and guard Lee Glenn. The candidates to shore up the open spots are lettermen Graeme Miller, Mark Krautheim, Archie Harris, and Tim O'Reilly. Three-year starter Jeff Sanders returns at split end. He pulled in 47 passes last fall. Dave McDowell and Ron Gillam will vie for the other spot. Tight end Glenn Bodnar is back.

Laycock installed a 4-3 defense last fall, and it figures to get better this year. Safety Mark Kelso, an All-America prospect, sparks the "D." He's already set school career marks with 17 interceptions and 369 tackles. He'll work with veteran corners Mims Hackett, Cal Trivers, and Chris Childs. Todd Leeson and Mike Hackett will handle the strong safety again. The linebackers are hard hitters, led by Jimmy McHeffey. Karl Wernecke, Ed Robinson, and Dave Pocta are seasoned. Up front, end John Thomas has fully recovered from a knee injury, and starting tackle Bob Crane is also back. He's a good one. Larry McEntee should fill in the other flank, while Ken Heywood and Fred Muller should move up.

The Indians should be improved on both sides of the ball, but the schedule is tougher, too. Penn State, Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, and Temple, four I-A machines, dot the chart with no Ivies. Laycock will have trouble finishing on the plus side.

LEHIGH

This season will mark the start of the second century of Lehigh football, and coach John Whitehead looks optimistically to the dawn of the next 100 years of gridiron warfare for the proud Engineers.

Some 40 lettermen are available from last year's 8-3 team, with the offensive unit being

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particularly veteran. Leading Lehigh again will be a crack aerial battery of quarterback Marty Horn and wide receiver Rennie Benn. Both were accorded All-America attention last fall, as was nose guard Wes Walton, the Engineers' leading tackler.

The junior Horn, who clicked on 178 of 337 passes for 2,165 yards and 18 touchdowns, is expected to shatter the school's aerial marks in his final two campaigns. Meanwhile, Benn, with good speed and range, reeled in 65 darts for 1,114 yards and a school-record of 15 TDs. The rest of Whitehead's offensive unit looks well-stocked. Big Bob Jeffries should move in at tight end, with king-size tackles Jim Thompson, Brian Hallick, and Greg Edarchakis opening the holes. Scott Bear and Joe Uliana head up the guard slots, with the

Bucknell place-kicker Al Yuknus

coach's son, David Whitehead, at center. Working with Horn to move the ball are solid fullbacks Doug Ertz and John Tamburo, tailbacks Pete Schreck and Steve Opet, with Eric Hunbsberger out on the wing. Place-kicker Dave Melick returns to do his thing.

There are 16 other lettermen to help Walton man the defense. Tackles Wayne Kasbar and Kevin Zlock return to the front. Jim Serratelli and Scott Theuerkauf are back at the outside backing spots, while Mike Ellow and Tim Gillespie figure to shore up the middle. The secondary could be a problem. Corner Blair Talmadge is the lone returnee with starting experience, although Marc Thomas has seen service there, and Matt Cichocki and Jim Davidson, converted from offense, could handle the safety spots.

The schedule is virtually a carbon copy of last fall's slate, when the Engineers won all their close games. If Whitehead's veterans repeat that feat, Lehigh's second grid century will be off and winging.

LAFAYETTE

Coach Bill Russo, who's turned the Leopards into a winning team in his brief career at Easton, will have to rely on a solid defense early this fall in order to keep things on a positive note. For Lafayette suffered wholesale losses from an attack that has been one of the better ball-control units at the I-AA level.

The defense returns seven starters, with Lafayette seemingly ready to stack up the inside run, thanks to veteran tackles Steve Dunbar and Mike King. Inside them, Dan Donnelly and Charles Brantley should step in and do a job. The starting flanks are gone, but Russo has confidence in James Brown and Frank Gaziano, moved from the linebacking corps. John Anderson and Mark Somple man the backer roles for the third straight fall. They made 215 stops last year. In the secondary, three starters are back: Dave Rankins, Stan Kwitnieski, and Bruce Dixon. Rankins had six interceptions. The open spot will go to Steve Wilson, Joe Yanek, or Doug Campbell.

On offense, the forward wall must be rebuilt. Only tackle Chris Thatcher returns as a starter, but there's some experienced talent available. Pete Gilbertson, Keith Clark, Jim Clarke, and Joe McFarland have had seasoning. Russo plans to move Joe Gaziano, a lineman on defense, to center. The receivers are led by Frank Corbo, the school's all-time leader, with 107 catches. Carmine DeSantis plays the other side. The tight end will be well taken care of by junior Craig Parsons, who's started every game for two years. Only MVP halfback Ryan Priest returns from the starting backfield. The school's first back to hit the 1,000-yard career mark, he rushed for 794 yards to pace the Leopards. Just a soph, he'll team with the seasoned Nick Kowgios. John Bellucci could move up at fullback, and right now the little-used Dean Rivera may be the quarterback. He has size (6-3, 200), but he's only launched four passes in his career. The kicking game, thanks to Joe Genduso, is in good shape. The soph punted for a 36-yard average, and has boomed field goals up to 49 yards.

If Russo's defense can hold the fort until the attack develops, Lafayette should have another winning season.

BUCKNELL

Coach Bob Curtis, beginning his tenth campaign as head of the Bisons, must fill some gaping holes in both lines if he's to improve on last fall's 4-5-1 mark.

Record-breaking passer Bob Gibbon gives hope that better days are ahead. Gibbon hit 185 of 294 passes for 1,835 yards and 14 touchdowns. He can run, too. Juniors Brian Callahan and Ken Novacich head a talented receiving corps. Jim Rielly has good hands, and could handle the tight-end spot. Scott Aiello and Dave Homa will give him a hand with the blocking. There's more backfield speed available, with Jeff Welch at one halfback and Dave Martin and Earl Beecham in pursuit. Mike Grosvenor is the fullback. Up front, only two starters return: tackle Chris Keane and guard Keith Jansen. Ken Lange could move into the other guard spot, with Mike Catanzaro at the other tackle. Bob Nesselbush has first crack at center, though he saw little playing time.

Defensively, junior tackle Mark Wisniewski is the lone regular returning. His mate probably will be Bruce Mowery. Ends Jim Zack and John Wallace are new, with Mike Ward and Ed Heidt also in the picture. The linebacking is veteran, with seniors Paul Havrilla in the middle and classmates Ed Hart and Scott Somerville on the outside. The secondary is veteran. Halfbacks Gary Grella and Tim Collins lead the charge, with Joe Shupp showing promise. Bob Maute and Jamie Keener are in reserve. Place-kicker Al Yuknus is the best ever at Bucknell, hitting seven consecutive field goals over 40 yards last fall. Mike Morrow will punt again.

The Bisons figure to score a lot of points thanks to the arm of Gibbon and the toe of Yuknus, but can they contain their rivals?

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The Terriers ended a 9-4 season with a 35-16 loss to Furman in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs a year ago, and despite losing record-setting quarterback Jim English, there's a lot of championship talent still around. "I'm excited about this team," says coach Rick Taylor. "We have some excellent people coming back, and there'll be some interesting battles for positions."

Tailback Paul Lewis, (1,680 yards and 21 TDs), of course, heads the list of 29 returning lettermen. The other leading offensive skill-position players back are Rodney Graham and George Wilcox, the fullbacks who shared the starting job in 1983, and Bill Brooks and Dennis Gadbois, the two top receivers the last two years. John O'Connor and Craig Bradbury had limited experience at quarterback last season. Another candidate is Pat Mancini, who missed last year with injuries. Taylor also has three freshman with outstanding potential, but he's not expecting anybody to step in to duplicate last year's 1,631-yard passing job by English. There are spots to fill on the offensive front, but Taylor still has quality in the interior, with tackle Bob Mocarski (6-4, 265) and center Gary Walker (6-3, 263), both All-Yankee Conference picks a year ago.

Defensively, the Terriers will be returning eight starters. The strong suit is at linebacker, where Gary Burns, Bob Egan, Ed Martin, and Mike Radcliffe have their old jobs back. Fresh-

Tailback Paul Lewis of Boston U.

man Ricky Cook of Williamsville, N.Y., who selected BU over five other eastern schools, is considered a blue-chip defensive back.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

With eight starters returning on offense and defense, the Wildcats certainly have that veteran look. They won their last six games to finish 7-3 overall last season, and coach Bill Bowes feels he has the ingredients for another successful year.

Two-year starter Rick Leclerc (whose dad, Roger, was a place-kicking artist for the Chicago Bears) will be trying to top his 1,452-yard, nine-TD passing show of '83. At 6-2, 196 pounds, Leclerc is also a strong runner.

But the versatile Andre Garron, who ran for over 1,000 yards and picked up another 539 catching passes and 359 returning kicks, is easily the team's most dangerous offensive performer. He accounted for 108 points last year. The fullback is still the capable Mike Shriner, with Mark Updyke backing him up. With top wide receiver Bill Peach gone,

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Bowes is looking for help. David Hukill, a sophomore who missed last season, and Mike Robichaud are leading candidates. Tom Flanagan, who played center last year, and the 6-6 Tom Johnson are battling for the tight-end job. There's concern about depth at offensive line, but guards Tony Ciccone and John Flanagan and tackles Brian Saranovitz and Dave Morton are solid returning starters.

Defensively, UNH is strong and deep at linebacker and end, and the secondary is experienced. Stellar performers include all-conference tackle Brian O'Neill (6-4, 255) and linebacker Neal Zonfrelli, the leading tackler in '83, both juniors.

CONNECTICUT

The Huskies have shared a piece of the Yankee Conference pie the last two seasons, and coach Tom Jackson feels his team will again be challenging for the title.

A lot of his optimism comes from the returning one-two offensive punch provided by tailback Billy Parks and quarterback Larry Corn. Parks churned out 1,095 yards a year ago. Corn passed for 1,198 yards and seven touchdowns. He still has top targets Brian McGillicuddy, the speedy split end who nabbed 39 passes for 566 yards, and 6-6 tight end Mike Walsh, who had 28 catches and started every game a year ago. Jackson also feels his offensive line will be strong, with 6-7, 260-pound tackle Barry Wood and guards Tony D'Agostino and Craig Primiani returning. Wood was All-Yankee Conference a year ago.

The defense lost super linebackers John Dorsey and Vernon Hargreaves, but the rest of the starters are returning, including all-conference tackle Dave Gracon. Other tested performers are end Mark Michaels, tackle Donald Smith, cornerbacks Shane Porter and Jerry McIntosh, strong safety Lou Donato (91 tackles in '83), and free safety Matt Latham (61 tackles, 8 interceptions).

Mass. tailback George Barnwell

Jackson must find replacements for fullback Mike Harkins and Domingos Carlos, one of UConn's all-time place-kickers. But with 31 lettermen and a promising rookie crop, the second-year coach likes his chances of improving on last year's 5-6 record.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rams finished 6-4 a year ago, yet there was disappointment because they dropped three conference games by a total of four points, and in all three they lost early leads.

Part of the problem, coach Bob Griffin figures, was the lack of a good running game which his team might have used to play ball control. The URI offense was strongly pass-oriented, with quarterback Dave Wienke rating No. 1 in the league after throwing for 2,117 yards. But Wienke has graduated, making the backfield problems even bigger. Tom Ehrhart, a 6-2, 200-pound transfer from C.W. Post who was redshirted last year, could be the new man at the controls. Another possibility is Mike Cassidy, a junior who got into all the games last year as the punter. Griffin was working ten running backs in spring ball. The most experienced is senior Rich Kelley, who had only 168 yards in '83. Senior Ed Givens and untested sophomore Dave Morrill are the top fullback candidates. Wide receiver Dameon Reilly will be returning after grabbing 32 passes for 588 yards and seven touchdowns and earning conference rookie of the year honors. Other offensive standouts are (6-4, 248) tackle Mark Russo and guard Greg Sturgis (6-1, 253), both all-conference last year.

Anchoring the secondary is junior free safety Tony Hill, who had nine interceptions last year. The linebacker position is also strong, with senior starters Matt Satkowski and Mark Brookwell returning.

MASSACHUSETTS

Bob Stull took over the coaching reins just before spring, so what he saw is what he's got. His chances of turning around last year's 3-8 mark depend upon the improvement of key performers, especially on offense.

Junior quarterback Jim Simeone, who started the first six games in '83, will be trying to better his 41.4 pass-completion percentage. Stull feels the 6-2, 220-pound quarterback has the tools but needs help. A year ago, Simeone was sacked 30 times. The returning tailbacks are burner George Barnwell, Frank Fay, and Duckworth Grange; the search is still on for a fullback.

Kickoff specialist Paul Walsh and sophomore Bob Shelmire look good at tight end. Jim Simeone's brother Bob returns to split end, where he caught 30 passes last year. Sophomore Tom Cioppa is moving into the vacant flanker spot. The rest of the offense looks solid, with the entire front line that started last year's finale returning. Tom McEvilly and Vince Reppert are the guards, Don Day and John Benzinger the tackles, and Ken Runge the center.

Middle guard Peter Tracy leads the defensive unit. Other veteran starters are ends David Cavanaugh and Kevin Brown, linebacker and leading tackler Mike Favreau, and cornerbacks Chris Wood and Glenn Holden.

Although Stull would rather find another leading scorer, he's glad to have place-kicker George Papoutsidis back. Papoutsidis converted all 15 PATs and connected on 10 of 16 field-goal attempts last year.

MAINE

The best news in the north country is the return from shoulder surgery of quarterback Rich Labonte. Two years ago, Labonte was the Yankee Conference offensive player of the year, but with nagging injuries in '83 he played in only five games. The Black Bears are deep in running backs. Leading ground-gainer Paul Phelan is back, along with experienced reserves Chris Boswell and Lance Theobald. Starter Gary Hufnagle returns at fullback, with support from Todd McAniff. The receiving corps had losses, but tight ends Bob Jowett and Bryan O'Leary and split end Pat Murray are ready to move in.

Junior Tim Cahill will be back as the starting center. The other interior linemen are tackles Bob Crowley and Paul Hughes and guards Paul Buckley, Dave Ingalls, and Dan Maloney. Another plus on offense is place-kicker Jack Leone, who led the team in scoring last year.

Ron Rogerson, starting his fourth season as head coach, is faced with a rebuilding job on defense, and that is the key to the Black Bears' chances of improving upon their 4-6 record of a year ago. Tackles Ron Doody and Ray Paquette and nose guard Bill Paven could wind up with starting jobs. Mark Coutts and Jamie Keefe are returning linebackers. The top returnee in the secondary is John McGrath, who earned an extra year of eligibility due to a change in the NCAA redshirting rule. McGrath recorded 35 solo tackles and 21 assists and led the team with five interceptions a year ago.

little three

AMHERST

The entire backfield returns from last year's 5-2-1 team, and coach Jim Ostendarp (26th year) doesn't see anybody breaking into his all-senior group. Quarterback Jeff Templeton not only was a clutch-passer a year ago, he was second in team rushing, scored seven touchdowns, and handled the punting. "Templeton is probably the fastest back," said Ostendarp. "He's an innovator, one of the best we've had." The other senior citizens in the backfield are leading ground-gainer Bob Minicus at one halfback spot, Bob Sokol and Mac Budd, who shared the other wing-T halfback position; and fullback Dave Nurme. On hand for another campaign are ends John Tucci and Jeff Sullivan, tackles Jeff Beach and Michael White, center Paul Vendetti, and guard Jim Westphal.

End Eric Taylor, a tri-captain with Templeton and Minicus, heads a strong defense. Other returning starters are end Mark Lea, nose tackle Mike Sommi, tackle Walter Donovan, linebackers Rock Tonkel and Craig Anderson, and backs Jeff Spadafora and Steve Tseckares.

WILLIAMS

Bob Odell calls his 2-5-1 record in 1983, "my worst in 25 years of coaching," and he hopes to do something about it this year. But for the Ephmen to improve, they're going to have to find a capable new quarterback and considerable help from the freshman and sophomore classes.

Quarterback B.J. Connolly is gone, and his replacement looks like junior Tom Goodspeed, who played well in last year's finale against Amherst. Fullback Ted Thomas, the leading rusher the last two years, is back. The new starters at halfback could be Jay Hickman and Rob Miller, both with varsity experience. The offense also lost two outstanding receivers, but tight end Paul Coleman is a good one. The leaders on the veteran offensive line are center Greg Taylor, tackles Peter Dawson and Matt Glauninger, and guard Steve Mazzari.

Odell will be doing some rebuilding on defense. His best tested players are ends Tim McFadden and Greg Norton, linebacker Mike

Coakley, and backs John Ciolek, Dawson Tanner, and Jim Franz.

"We'll be back," says Odell, "but we're going to need some early maturity from a lot of people to take the Little Three."

WESLEYAN

The Cardinals, with their entire defensive unit returning, figure they'll be able to stop people this year. The leader on defense is linebacker Jack Kuhn, who topped the team with 96 tackles last year. The other steady defenders are tackles Rod Squires and Mike Dolan, end Jay Norris and cornerback Dave Hill. Coach Bill Macdermott has a lot of experience on both sides of the ball. On offense, the backfield lost fullback Pat Costello, but little rock halfback Mike Gilberto (5-8, 185) will have one more fling after churning out 1,227 yards in three years. Junior Waldo Williams looks like the replacement for Costello. Two-year starter Dave Ross will be taking aim at the school career passing record. In two years he's tossed for 2,504 yards and 17 touchdowns and boasts a 51 percent completion mark. He'll miss Bob Barringer, who was a record-setting receiver in New England, but he still has split end Tom Giuliotti and Dave Glatz, who also is the kick returner. Another plus for the Cards is placekicker Greg Zlotnick, who holds the school records for longest field goal (44 yards) and most field goals (four) in one game.

pennsylvania conference

EASTERN DIVISION

WEST CHESTER

(7-3, 2-3) The Golden Rams have some outstanding individual talent and are considered the team to beat in the PC East. Quarterback Mike Horrocks passed for 1,386 yards and 11 touchdowns last season and ran for another 373 yards. Tailback Mike Irving gained 763 yards rushing, caught 28 passes for 341 yards, and averaged 13.4 yards on punt returns. The defense is led by linebackers John Mininno and Paul Nanni (6-2, 205) and cornerback Shawn Niles (seven interceptions). Returning kicker Eric Wentling booted a school-record 55-yard field goal.

EAST STROUDSBURG

(7-4, 5-1) The Warriors have won the Eastern Division title the last two years, but suffered heavy graduation losses with their entire linebacking corps, including All-America Mike Reichenbach, gone. Coach Denny Douds has two quality quarterbacks in Andy Baranek, named the division Player of the Year, and Charlie Diskin. They will be throwing to speedster Tim Bishop, who averaged 30.3 yards on 18 catches. The defense will feature All-PC end Bill Camp and tackle Phil Calamia (6-3, 240). All-conference Joey Pingitore returns to handle both the punting and place-kicking.

BLOOMSBURG

(5-5, 4-2) The Huskies are coming off their first non-losing football season since 1978. Coach George Landis has one of the PC's younger teams, headed by Associated Press Little All-America linebacker Frank Sheptock (6-1, 210), still only a junior. Sheptock led the team in tackles and captained a defense which allowed an average of only 15 points per game. A total of 19 starters return, including the heart of the offensive line in center Mike Jupina and tackle Doug DeLambo (6-5, 245) and top running back Jeff Flickner (800 yards). Tony Woods is a two-year starter in the defensive backfield.

KUTZTOWN

(6-5, 4-2) Defensive coordinator Al Leonzi will coach the Golden Bears on an interim basis as a replacement for 12-year coach George Baldwin, who is on a sabbatical. Leonzi plans to open up the team's offense, which should mean more opportunities for wide receiver Andre Reed (55 catches for 791 yards). The quarterback job is wide-open, with Bob Malandra the top contender. All-conference guard Dave Waligurski (6-0, 215) heads an experienced offensive line. The team's strong suit on defense should be at end, where three-year starter Scott Borman and Tracy Wright return.

MILLERSVILLE

(4-6, 3-3) The Marauders may have one of the nation's best college-division running backs in senior Ricke Stonewall (5-8, 175), who has a career total of 2,267 yards—including 880 last season. A three-time all-conference selection, he will need support from an offensive line which had problems the last two years. Back from knee surgery, however, are tackles Carlton Bleiler (6-2, 240) and Ed Aldrich (6-4, 235). Top returnees on coach Gene Carpenter's defense are nose guard Bill Colby (6-1, 250), tackle Chris Hangen, and back Jeff Raber.

MANSFIELD

(4-6, 1-4) Linebacker will be the strength of the Mounties' defense with all four starters returning: senior Jim Weaver and juniors Mark Pieters, Sam Smith, and Chuck Dibilio. They will shoulder the main defensive burden for coach Tom Elsasser's team, since experience is lacking at the other positions. On offense, there is plenty of depth at running back with all-division Robert Funderburk (763 yards), Ed Amendola, and Mike Egenrieder. The offensive line returns three starters in center Mike Dmiterchick and tackles Robert Gillis and Jeff Sampson.

CHEYNEY

(2-6, 1-5) The Wolves should have one of the division's top defenses again but must improve on an offense which produced only 11.2 points per game last season. Back from the defensive unit are tackle Maurice Wyatt (6-1, 250), middle guard Joe DeVane, and end Larry Collins. Quarterback Clark Perry (1,195 yards passing) returns on offense along with All-PC tackle Shermont Fox (6-4, 282). The big need is for running backs. George Bethea led the division in punting (42.4-yard average).

WESTERN DIVISION

CLARION

(9-2, 5-1) The Golden Eagles won the conference title by beating East Stroudsburg, 27-14, in the championship game, and they could repeat in 1984. Tailback Elton Brown (5-9, 190) led the conference in rushing last season, with 1,214 yards, and was an AP All-America first-team selection. Also back are quarterback Pat Carbol (1,668 yards and 14 touchdowns passing) and the division's number one receiver in Terry McFetridge (50 catches for 945 yards and 11 TDs). Coach Gene Sobolewski's defense will be headed by middle guard Kevin Ewing (6-0, 205), the team leader in tackles, and end Jon Haslett, who had 17 sacks in 1983.

EDINBORO

(8-2, 4-2) The Fighting Scots had one of the most potent offensive teams in the nation last year, with averages of 461.1 yards and 41.2 points per game. Coach Denny Creehan's squad should be explosive again with the return of three-year quarterback Blair Hrovat. The 5-10, 170-pound senior, with 1,595 yards and 19 touchdowns, was one of the nation's passing leaders. Also back are halfbacks Bob Klenk (76 points) and Damon Chambers and tackle Dom Grande (6-1, 250). The top veterans on defense are tackle Rick Jordan, linebacker Willie Chealey, and defensive back Ray Bracy.

INDIANA

(5-5, 4-2) Quarterback Rich Ingold broke four school passing records last season and again will trigger the Big Indians' attack. He set marks for passing yardage (2,388), completions (189), touchdown passes (16), and completion percentage (56.8). Four of his top six receivers return, including Gregg Brenner (44 catches, 622 yards). Handling the main running chores will be Dave Seidel (652 yards) and Bill Thompson (631). Defensive players being counted upon by coach George Chaump are linebacker Paul Scruppi and cornerback Kelvin Lewis. Work is needed in the lines.

CALIFORNIA

(7-3, 4-2) The Vulcans will have one-half of the conference's most dangerous passing combination back. Quarterback Kevin Russell (2,542 yards and 21 touchdowns) returns for his senior year, but gone is his leading target, All-America end Perry Kemp (74 catches for 1,101 yards), who signed with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL. There is plenty of experience on coach Jeff Petrucci's team, with 16 returning starters, including nine on defense. The best are linebacker Frank Vulcano, the leading tackler, and safety Jim Snyder, with five interceptions.

SLIPPERY ROCK

(6-4, 3-3) The Rockets expect to stick to the ground more often this season after the loss of record-breaking passer Don Christian (1,869 yards). Coach Don Ault is expected to build his attack around top returning rusher Charles Sanders (548 yards) and newcomer John Green, a transfer from Miami, Fla. Senior center Mark Herrmann (5-9, 210) will anchor what should be a solid offensive line. Defensive stalwarts are ends George Yarzab and Gary Scholze and back Craig Bouslough, the leading tackler. Returning punter Jeff Williams was the PC leader last year with a 42.3-yard average.

SHIPPENSBURG

(4-6, 1-5) The Red Raiders have the talent to move the ball against any opponent if they can hold on to it. Quarterback Mark Beans passed for 1,665 yards and ten touchdowns last season. Tailback Tom Miller rushed for 503 yards. End Tyrone Reed caught 45 passes for 564 yards. All three are back. Their mission—and the team's—in 1984 will be to avoid turnovers. The offense lost 25 fumbles and had 25 passes intercepted last year. Guards Chip Dimmick and Mike Houseal will spearhead the offensive line. Top players on defense are end Dave Hurdle and linebacker Bob Boyle.

LOCK HAVEN

(3-7, 0-6) Experience on the offensive line is considered the strong point for the Bald Eagles. Four offensive linemen are back: mammoth tackles Todd Johnson (6-2, 260) and John Eisenhooth (6-1, 270) and guards Chris Jackson and Joe Kromer. Now coach Jack Fisher has to develop a running back to replace All-PC halfback Mike Kresovich (career total of 2,865 yards). The team's passing attack also must be upgraded behind quarterback Doug Williams. Defensive standouts include middle guard Chris Kustanbauter (6-0, 220) and defensive back Jere Warner.

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rockies

by John Blanchette SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

You're probably wondering about the next $40 million quarterback, huh? Or maybe the price will be $50 million by the time Robbie Bosco or Blaine Fowler—or will it be Mike Young?—completes school at BYU.

So what else is new? Old Beaucoup Yardage University will always come up with someone to air it out when the Saints Go Marchin' Long. If it isn't a Connecticut rifle like Steve Young, then it's an earnest young understudy like Bosco or even a little brother like Mike just back from keeping the faith in Honduras. Inevitability. Death, taxes, and out patterns. It's a way of life in Mountain Standard Time, right? Eagles don't get from one peak to another on foot, do they?

Falcons are another story. For no matter which man with the golden arm keeps BYU atop the Western Athletic Conference (count on it—that's where the Cougars have been the last eight years), it's more interesting to note that the WAC's other bowl team made it up the other side of the mountain. That's right. To run the ball, you'd better call in the infantry. You'd better call in . . . Air Force?

predictions

western athletic conference
1. Brigham Young, 2. Hawaii, 3. Air Force, 4. Wyoming, 5. New Mexico, 6. Utah, 7. Colorado State, 8. San Diego State, 9. Texas-El Paso

big sky conference
1. Nevada-Reno, 2. Boise State, 3. Idaho State, 4. Northern Arizona, 5. Idaho, 6. Montana, 7. Montana State, 8. Weber State

independent
Eastern Washington

Ten hut. In 1983, the Falcons ran the ball with more success than any college team other than Nebraska and ranked fourth nationally in total offense. More important, five years under now-departed coach Ken Hatfield restored the respect Air Force football enjoyed until the mid-'70s. That translates into two bowl victories—yeah, o.k., they were the Hall of Fame Bowl and the Independence, but a bowl is a bowl. And the Falcons got there without the obligatory quick-fix passing game.

Indeed, even the WAC's high-country cousin, the Big Sky Conference—certainly the pass-happiest league in America, with four schools ranked among Division I-AA's top ten passing leaders—was dominated by a team more partial to the belly series than the bomb. "I love it," winks Nevada-Reno coach Chris Ault. "I've had the chance to speak at about six different clinics, and while everybody's talking about the passing game, I'm just dreaming up new ways to run the ball." This is a coach who just lost two 1,000-yard running backs (Otto Kelly and Anthony Corley) to graduation. Likewise, new Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry inherits an offense missing Marty Louthan, an All-America if wishbone quarterbacks had a fighting chance, and All-WAC fullback John Kershner. "But we'll keep doing what we've been doing," he insisted. "It's done pretty well by us."

Naturally, DeBerry appreciates what LaVell Edwards hath wrought at BYU with an entirely different M.O. "But I think what a lot of people underestimate about BYU is their running backs," he said. "No one ever says much about their running backs, but they're very versatile. They have to be able to catch the ball, but let me tell you, they can run, too."

By the same token, he feels people underrate the throwing ability of most wishbone quarterbacks. "The passing game is an integral part of the wishbone, contrary to what a lot of people feel," DeBerry said. "In 1979, when I was at Appalachian State, we had the nation's leading receiver (Rick Beasley) in Division I football. He caught 74 passes and the majority of those were from the wishbone."

Actually, for the wide-open reputation the WAC has, only BYU, Hawaii, Colorado State, and San Diego State can be considered pass-first-ask-questions-later outfits. It's a bit different in the Big Sky, in which only Reno and Boise State averaged more than 180 yards a game on the ground last fall. Interestingly enough, Boise's Broncos were the Throwin' Idahoans long before Idaho or Idaho State took to the air. And Ault directed one of the nation's best small-college passing teams in the '70s.

"But then we had a freshman quarterback one year, and that's when we developed Frank Hawkins," said Ault, referring to I-AA's career rushing leader, now with the Los Angeles Raiders. "And I've always thought in terms of balance. We've averaged 26 throws a game for the last three years and, to me, that's enough. We can't keep up with the passing teams in the yardage we gain through the air, but our completion percentage on what I call the big plays is better."

But it wasn't the quarterbacking of Eric Beavers and Joe Pizzo that gave Wolf Pack opponents fits last year. Practicing against the pass day in and day out, Big Sky teams seemed to lose their edge when Ault trotted out Kelly and Corley.

"You know, there aren't as many teams now that run an offense like ours with so much misdirection," Ault maintained. "Other teams really have just three days to prepare for it, and it's tough after facing nothing but teams that throw it 40-50 times a game.

"I'm an ex-quarterback and I do love to throw, but to be a consistent winner, you have to run the ball effectively. And I'm not talking about going 6-5 every year."

And for all the good times coaches of Air Tech claim their players enjoy, Ault is adamant that quite the opposite is true.

"I'll tell you this: I think running the ball adds excitement to the game for the linemen," he said. "We do a lot of things—trapping, influence blocking—and that gives them more identity. You can only set up and pass-block so many times before you get your head knocked off by some defensive lineman who's waiting to tee off. The passing game's fun—for the quarterback and receiver, anyway. But it's the hogs up front that win the games."

Even the $40 million quarterback will tell you that.

western athletic conference

BRIGHAM YOUNG

So much for the pro-rushing faction. The Cougars might be moved to challenege, "Win the WAC and then pop off." BYU had to replace all but eight starters a year ago and not only got through the league unbeaten, but didn't let a WAC opponent get any closer than 18 points. And the fellow who said that three things can happen when you throw the ball and two of them are bad? Well, that doesn't apply to the Cougs. Last fall, Steve Young completed a remarkable 71.3 of his 429 passes, an NCAA record.

The Brigham Young University Cougars, left to right: quarterback Robbie Bosco, kicker Lee Johnson, receiver Glen Kozlowski, and defensive tackle Jim Herrmann

1984 all-rockies team

OFFENSE

Quarterback . . Raphel Cherry . . SR . . Hawaii
Running back . . Mike Brown . . SR . . Air Force
Running back . . Steve Bartolo . . SO
Colorado State
Wide receiver . . Glen Kozlowski . . JR
Brigham Young
Wide receiver . . Jay Novacek . . SR . . Wyoming
Wide receiver . . Walter Murray . . JR . . Hawaii
Tight end . . Keli McGregor . . SR
Colorado State
Line . . Joe Ramunno . . SR . . Wyoming
Line . . Craig Garrick . . SR . . Brigham Young
Line . . Todd Price . . SR . . Idaho State
Line . . Phil Harbour . . SR . . Nevada-Reno
Line . . Mark Melcher . . SR . . Air Force
Place-kicker . . Tim McMonigle . . SR . . Idaho

DEFENSE

Line . . Chris Funk . . SR . . Air Force
Line . . James Gee . . SR . . Northern Arizona
Line . . Jim Herrmann . . SR . . Brigham Young
Linebacker . . Carl Keever . . SR . . Boise State
Linebacker . . Johnny Jackson . . SR
New Mexico
Linebacker . . Mark Blosch . . SR . . Utah
Linebacker . . Mark Fellows . . SR
Montana State
Back . . Ray Hornfeck . . SR . . New Mexico
Back . . Pat Hunter . . JR . . Nevada-Reno
Back . . Torran Nixon . . SR . . San Diego State
Back . . Rich Miano . . SR . . Hawaii
Punter . . Lee Johnson . . SR . . Brigham Young

This year, coach LaVell Edwards must replace all but ten starters. This time, though, Young is among the missing. But Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, and Jim McMahon before him have been replaced, and it's likely even an All-America such as Young could be "Steve Who?" in no time. The "air" apparent figures to be Robbie Bosco, Young's backup a year ago who was in the lineup long enough to throw for three touchdowns. Like Nielsen, Wilson, and McMahon, Bosco has had the benefit of a redshirt season and is plenty familiar with the BYU way. Another redshirt,

Hawaii quarterback Raphel Cherry

Blaine Fowler, is also in the wings, as is Steve's brother Mike, just returning from a Mormon mission.

More than 190 receptions departed in the persons of All-America tight end Gordon Hudson, wideout Kirk Pendleton, and running backs Casey Tiumalu and Eddie Stinnett. Split end Glen Kozlowski (29-532) does return, probably to be paired with part-time starter Adam Haysbert. David Mills is the holdover tight end, with Lakei Heimuli, Kelly Smith, and Vai Sikahema the likely backfield regulars. The Cougars always seem to come up with a solid line, and this year's edition has a head start with the return of three regulars: center Trevor Matich (6-4, 246), tackle Louis Wong (6-4, 260), and second-team All-WAC guard Craig Garrick (6-5, 260).

BYU finished seventh in both wire service polls and gave up just 39 points in the last four games, so the return of six defensive starters in an up note. All but one of those is in the 3-4 alignment, led up front by seniors Jim Herrmann (6-5, 255) and Brad Smith (6-6, 255), with sophomore Shawn Knight a potential great at the other tackle. Letterman Kurt Gouveia looks to be all-star Todd Shell's replacement at the only open linebacker spot. Leon White (227), Cary Whittingham (230), and Marv Allen (230) are the starters back. Kyle Morrell is a crushing hitter at weak safety, but will need help in a largely untested secondary. Mark Allen and Rob Ledenko were backups at the corners last year, and Steve Haymond is the successor at strong safety.

The best punter in America didn't show up in NCAA statistics last year. Lee Johnson punted just 24 times, well under the NCAA minimum, but averaged an amazing 50.6 yards per boot (45.0 after returns, a national best). He'll handle the place-kicking as well, after scoring 85 points a year ago. He could stand improvement on an 11 for 23 mark on field goals.

HAWAII

Here's a trend. The WAC offensive MVP each of the past ten years has been a quarterback. Of course, the last seven years it's been a BYU quarterback, but that could change this year if Raphel Cherry lives up to his enormous potential. Cherry was tenth nationally in efficiency a year ago, connecting on nearly 57 percent of his passes for 2,478 yards. He can run a bit, too, if need be. But he'll have help from Marco Johnson, who averaged 4.2 yards a carry before being injured, and redshirts Louis Santiago and Kent Kafentzis.

The most explosive receiver in the WAC is junior streaker Walter Murray (44 catches), who used his 4.39 speed to average 17.6 yards a reception. He's the best of Cherry's top six receivers returning, which includes tight end Kent Untermann (6-4, 230), Mike Akiu (20.8 yards per catch), and Joe Nobles (20-392). Protection will come from seven linemen who started at one time or another the past two seasons, led by center Brian Derby (245), Joe Onossi (240), Willy Kalakau (265), and Jack Sims (250). In any case, count on the Rainbows to cut down on their mistakes. They were penalized 333 yards more than their opponents in 1983.

All-WAC safety Rich Miano spearheads a defense that posted two shutouts. He's joined by two other returning starters in the secondary, Brian Norwood and Marty Sims, and a host of lettermen, including Kurt and Kyle Kafentzis. Linebacking looks solid with James Elias and Alvis Satele back, and regulars up front include Ana Tuiasosopo (240), Emlen Kahoano (6-4, 240), and Colin Stotts (6-6, 255). JC transfer Gafoa Soliai (275) should help, too. Richard Spelman (12-19 field goals) and Tom McCarthy (40.9) are a dependable kicking duo, and Johnson and Akiu were one of the league's best return combinations.

Besides the 45 lettermen returning, coach Dick Tomey's biggest boost will come from the schedule. The Rainbows venture off the island just twice (to Colorado State and UTEP) and play their last four league games at home.

AIR FORCE

The Junior Birdmen might be the only team in America to play in two conferences, for as new head coach Fisher DeBerry concedes. "Our first priority is to beat Army and Navy every year. Our next goal is to win the conference." Well, Air Force has frustrated the soldiers and sailors of America each of the last two seasons by winning the Commander-in-Chief Trophy. Now it can make another run at BYU—heavy on the run—behind the second-most potent rushing offense in the WAC record book: 346.5 yards a game on the ground last year.

That's providing either Bart Weiss or Brian Knorr is an adequate replacement for quarterback Marty Louthan, who ran the show here for two years. DeBerry may have to settle for a hybrid. Knorr is considered to be the better passer, Weiss the better runner. And the quarterback has to run in the wishbone, even with the likes of second-team All-WAC running back Mike Brown (776 yards, 8.5 average) around. Brown should pick up the yardage gap left by the graduation of John Kershner. Jody Simmons (279 yards) and Randy Jones saw action last year, as did Von Cameron, who injured a knee in the spring.

They should have a solid line to run interference, what with second-team All-WAC picks Don Oberdieck (240) and Mark Melcher (256) in the middle. Fred Buttrell (247) is also a returning starter, and tackles Kraig Evenson (240) and Dave Sutton (240) got their feet wet a little in '83. DeBerry's other big losses are at tight end, where he'll try Hugh Brennan and converted tackle Roger Teague, and wide receiver, where Tom Coleman is the leading candidate.

DeBerry thinks he may have an outstanding secondary, now that Scott Thomas is healthy again and veterans A.J. Scott and Dwan Wilson are back to start. Tom Rotello is likely to inherit a cornerback spot. The Falcons should also be solid up front with returning regulars Larry Nicklas (225) and John Ziegler (240) joining All-WAC standout Chris Funk (6-4, 235), whose sack nailed down the Independence Bowl win over Mississippi. With those two areas set, that might take some of the pressure off a young linebacking corps, which will feature Tim Defuyter, Mike Chandler, Pat Malackowski, and possibly Terry Maki, who had minor knee surgery in the fall.

Kickoff artist Carlos Mateos is the only specialist returning, and the Falcons have been solid there the past two seasons. Tom Ruby is the likely heir at punter.

WYOMING

The WAC's other wishbone outfit also cracked the national top ten in rushing offense, though the Cowboys learned some lessons early and absorbed a pair of mid-season thrashings from BYU and Utah. Three straight wins to close the season brought the Pokes to 7-5, and coach Al Kincaid looks to expand on that after losing just 12 seniors.

One of those was All-WAC back Walt Goffigan (810 yards), but the big key appears to be finding a successor to quarterback Brad Baumberger (531 rushing, 59 percent completions), who set a school record for accuracy. This is the third straight year the Pokes have been unsettled at quarterback, and chances are David Gosnell will land the job ahead of Fred Ulowetz, who was injured in the spring. Even without Goffigan, the Cowboys should be potent in the backfield with the return of Kevin Lowe (632 yards) and Jeff Westphal (246).

The best athlete in the WAC? It may be Jay Novacek, who won the conference decathlon in the spring, pole vaults 16 feet, and switches between tight end and split end at a coach's whim. Novacek (34-503) will probably be back at tight end to replace Chris Kolodziejski, the school's leading receiver. David Sims and converted linebacker Mitch Daum will also get a look, while Allyn Griffin (20-370) appears set to step in at split end if the 6-4, 211-pound Novacek moves inside. The line will get a lift if All-WAC guard Joe Ramunno

Air Force halfback Mike Brown (#3) and defensive tackle Chris Funk

takes advantage of the NCAA's ruling on freshman redshirts and returns for his "second" senior year. Ramunno (255) is one of a handful of veterans on the line which also includes Jeff Ragan (235), Tom Taylor (220), and Brian Howard (275).

The only loss on defense is linebacker Steve Nighswonger, so Kincaid's job is to find a little depth. The biggest concern is in the secondary, where Jeff Legette is coming off knee surgery. He started along with Oliver Davis, while Dane Ingram and second-team All-WAC safety Pete Benedetti are back, too. Rock Mirich may join the linebacking corps which features returning starters Bruce Mowry and Tim Gosar. Up front, the Pokes have them big and small in Terry Tapley (275), Randy Norvelle (261), Mike Wewel, and Paul Chytka.

All-WAC punter Jack Weil has departed, but Rich Donnelly (7-13 field goals) is capable of handling both kicking jobs.

NEW MEXICO

No Justice Bowl for the Lobos in '83. In fact, they needed three straight wins at the close of the season just to get back to .500. As usual, the defense did its job—except for a midseason snooze at BYU—but the offense was inconsistent against better teams.

New Mexico led the WAC in rushing, total, and scoring defense, the league's only team to crack the top 20 nationally on that side of the ball. That's been coach Joe Lee Dunn's domain until this year, when he plans to pay more attention to moving the football. It helps that in safety Ray Hornfeck and linebacker Johnny Jackson the Lobos have two of the finest defenders in the west. Yet not every position is solid. The Lobos are thin up front, particularly after nose guard Jeff Heldrick opted to transfer to Arizona. Chuck Best (225) is the only full-timer back, though Lon Nunley, Jon Avila, and Tom Bradford (240) have started at one time or another. Veteran Brent Henson and JC import Frank Reina will help Jack-

New Mexico quarterback Buddy Funck

son at linebacker, and Dunn lured two juco prospects, Wendell Jones and Geoff Banner, to shore up an occasionally vulnerable secondary (Colorado State drove 80 yards in 40 seconds to pull out a win). Brad Bush, Nick Johnson, and Steve Sauter are the returning regulars there.

Quarterback Buddy Funck has his moments. He gets around as well as most wishbone quarterbacks (633 yards rushing) and has a sound arm (54 percent completions, 1,521 yards). He'll be joined in the Lobos' veer backfield by Willie Turral (386 yards) and Carl Raven, who was hobbled by an injury last year. Wide receiver Ken Whitehead and tight end Mike Mazzella (6-3, 220) each caught 23 balls in '83 and give Funck reliable targets.

UNM's strength seems to be in the line, where a host of starters return: center Scott Skene (6-4, 242), guards Donnie DeYoung (260) and Dave Uranich (243), and tackle Tim Lopez (6-5, 250). The kicking game seems set with punter Ron Keller (42.6) and placement specialist Joe Bibbo (12-19 FG, 6-8 from 40 yards out), both just sophomores.

UTAH

It's no disgrace to be the second-best offense on Interstate 15. Indeed, there in the total-offense charts with BYU, Nebraska, Iowa, and Boston College in 1983 was Utah: eighth in the nation with one of the most balanced attacks around.

And don't be so sure that BYU will even produce the best quarterback in the state this year. The Utes have a dangerous weapon in senior Mark Stevens, who was twelfth nationally a year ago in total offense and can do it by land (534 yards) or air (1,986, 56 percent completions). He's got a veteran line to provide protection, for five starters, led by seniors Bob Binkele (238), Walt Dixon (238), and huge Carlton Walker (6-4, 290), are back.

Stevens won't have to do it alone. Leading rusher Eddie Lewis (734 yards) returns, but he'll have to contend with holdover Gerald Johnson (315 yards), JC recruits Steve Betz and Tony Cospy, and prep All-America Eddie Johnson, who rushed for 2,400 yards as a senior. The receiving corps is likewise solid, though the Utes need a new tight end. That might be last year's backup, Don Enlow, or transfers Mike Koehler (6-3, 220) or Jeff Thomas (6-5, 207). One wideout is certain to be swift Danny Huey, whose 41 catches included a school-record 13 against Wyoming.

Coach Chuck Stobart went to the JC well for 20 players this spring, and with good reason. Only four defensive starters are back and the

Punter/place-kicker Rich Donnelly and offensive guard Joe Ramunno (#51) of the Wyoming Cowboys

Utah quarterback Mark Stevens

Utes need immediate help lest that potent offense spend too much time on the sidelines. The Utes have a pair of gems in linebacker Mark Blosch (162 tackles) and safety Reggie Richardson (4 interceptions), both second-team All-WAC last year. Newcomers who could help include linebackers Mark Jackson (230), Curtis Sampson, and Kurt Vedder (237) and backs Virol Providence, Terry Sheffey, and Errol Tucker. Nose guard Peter Owens and tackle John Paton are returning starters, though the Utes lack some size here. Holdover Steve Kubitz (249) and JC transfer Mark Rechart (248) will help. Stobart better find some depth. The Utes were outscored by opponents, 156-107, in the second half last year.

COLORADO STATE

Look, the Rams aren't winning any more games than they used to when Sark Arslanian coached them, but they seem to be having more fun. Forty-five school records fell last year, mostly in the passing department. If coach Leon Fuller can find a fill-in for quarterback Terry Nugent—senior Tom Thenell and redshirt soph Kelly Stouffer are the candidates—the fun may be just starting.

This might be America's only pass-crazy team that plays a two-tight-end offense, and both of CSU's big boys can play with the best. Keli McGregor (6-7, 252), at what the Rams call H-back, is a potential All-America and Harper LeBel (6-4, 244) would be if he didn't happen to play on the same team. McGregor caught 69 passes a year ago, LeBel 59, and the two accounted for more than 1,400 yards. Tim O'Byrne and Bill Sherman are the leading prospects at wide receiver.

Fullback Steve Bartolo broke Lawrence McCutcheon's school rushing record as a freshman with 1,113 yards, so that spot is set for a few years. He'll run behind a line that returns several starters, including John Benton (235) and Tom Ehlers (234) at center, Del Helms (240) and Edgar Mitchell (280) at guard, and Bill Stafford (270) at tackle.

Now, can the Rams stop anybody? Only two teams (UTEP and San Diego State) couldn't score 20 points against CSU last year. The return of huge Terry Unrein (6-5, 273) after an injury in '83 will help the front wall, where Todd Schmidt (232), Gary Walk, and Keith Pitts also return. Dan Fiala (6-4, 225) and Fred Latimer will flank new middle linebacker Dale Carr. A pair of two-year starters, Dan Hammerschmidt and Tim Zubradt, man the safety spots, while Jim King returns at one corner and sophomore Tyrone Pope seems to have the inside track at the other.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Was it that bad a year ago? Well, the Aztecs (2-9-1) refused to win a close one early and refused to play any close ones late. They couldn't stop anyone's running game, and coach Doug Scovil admits the front three pose plenty of questions again. Nose guard Mike Stevens (260) is injury-prone and Mike Ariey (6-5, 255) appears to be the best of a group of reserves and redshirts.

Linebacking is a different story. James Johnson led the Aztecs with 8½ sacks last season and is joined by returnees Herb Brohn and Darrell Brown on the outside. Harry Leomiti (240), a starter here as a freshman, is back after a three-year absence, along with JC All-America Steve Svitenko and Purdue transfer Chris Davis (238). The secondary, too, seems improved with cornerbacks Torran Nixon and Clarence Nunn (7 interceptions between them) and safety Kenny Moore back, along with Ky Snyder, who missed '83 with a knee injury.

This may be the year we finally see the much-heralded Jim Plum take over at quarterback, though redshirt freshman Todd Santos and Stanford transfer Greg Topp may quibble with that. Explosive Vince Warren (28-594) is back at split end, but the Aztecs need to feature the tight end a bit more. Dean Frew, a JC import, and redshirt Jim Laughton (6-6, 225) are the likely candidates.

Casey Brown (35 catches) moves from halfback to fullback, where he'll compete with leading rusher Mike Waters (562 yards), while Dan Gaston, Corey Gilmore, and Chris Hardy try to beef up the halfback attack. One thing the Aztecs aren't short on is size in the offensive line. Tackles Rich Moran (270) and Mike Neary (265) are the only regulars back, but the Aztecs don't need to ask "Where's the beef?" thanks to JC imports Jeff Lemker (260), Mark Tegio (270), and Terry Mims (275)—though redshirt freshman Terry Allen (6-6, 335) is the biggest of all.

TEXAS-EL PASO

Bill Yung insists this wasn't the same old 2-10 report card the Miners always bring home. Before his arrival as coach, UTEP was being outscored by 42 points a game. Now it's down to ten, though the Miners still allowed 30 or more points in eight of the last nine games.

Still, they produced the WAC defensive player of the year in linebacker Raymond Morris, one of seven starters on that side who must be replaced. Linebackers Nikita Blair and Seth Joyner are back, but Yung must rebuild the line around Eric Collins (242), the only returning starter on the front. The secondary could be decent if injuries to Robert Murray, Derek Smith, and Danny Taylor heal and the trio can aid cornerback Mike Smith.

It wouldn't hurt if the offense used up a little more clock, and the Miners may be able to behind a strong offensive line, anchored by giants Tony Russo (6-5, 293) and Dave Toub (6-4, 281). The quarterback situation is a question, Jay Cleveland (844 yards) having stepped in for injured freshman Sammy Garza at midseason. Larry Linne was a pleasant find at split end, grabbing 24 passes for 378 yards, and Brad McEachern is a solid veteran at tight end. If Kevin Ward, who has played a little bit of everything at UTEP, can find a home at tailback, Yung might balance the attack.

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NEVADA-RENO

Never has the Big Sky seen two such dominant backs as Anthony Corley and Otto Kelly on the same team. To the good fortune of Wolf Pack opponents, 1983's 2,096-yard duo won't be heard from in '84.

But in five Big Sky seasons, the Pack's winning percentage is second only to Boise State's. So figure coach Chris Ault is just reloading after capturing the school's first football title and taking Reno to the Division I-AA semifinals. The in-house replacements for Corley and Kelly figure to be Eric Jenkins ("He's more elusive than Corley and may be better," Ault says) and Anthony Gooden, who's moving over from wingback. JC recruit Thai Ivery will fill Gooden's spot. Brian Calder is another juco receiver who figures to catch a few from quarterbacks Eric Beavers (50.3 percent completions) and Joe Pizzo. Each started five games last year. Most of Ault's JC shopping went to fill gaps in the line, where center Rick Harris (230) and guard Greg Rea (235) are the only starters back. Reno also lured Phil Harbour (6-7, 280) from Kansas, who is eligible immediately. Mark Owen (6-6, 260) is the best of the JC crop.

Tight end Harper LeBel leads the offense and tackle Terry Unrein the defense for Colorado State.

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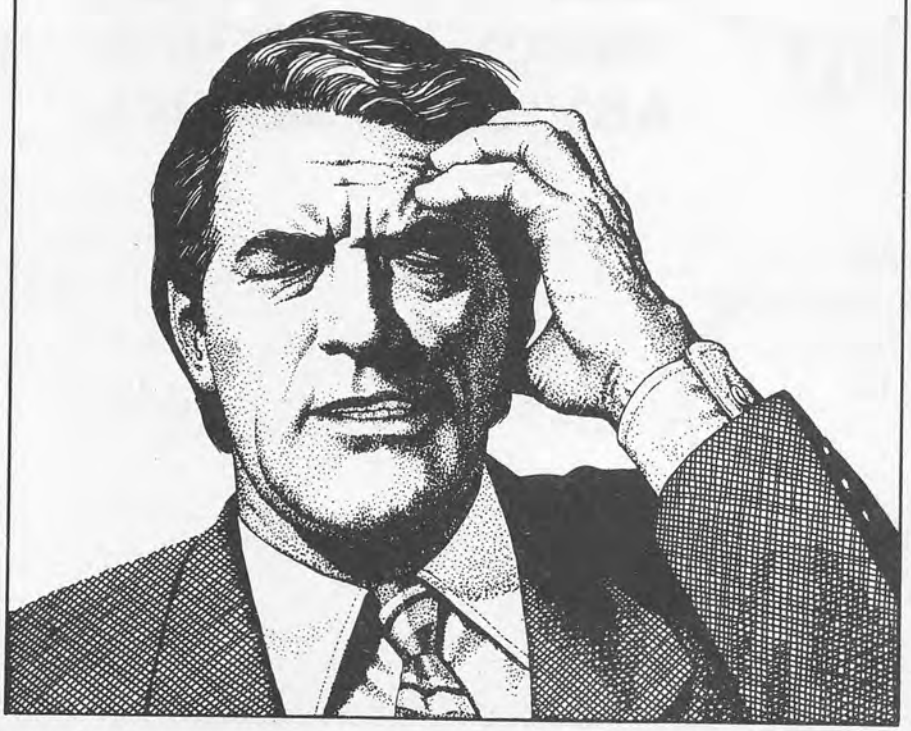

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Jeff Kaiser of Idaho State

Reno's ground-hog offense takes some pressure off the defense, but that isn't the only reason the Pack led the Sky in that department. The Nevada "D" produced 22 more turnovers than the offense gave up, and Ault thinks this year's unit may be the best ever. Defending the pass is paramount in the Sky, and Reno swiped 25 aerials. All-league safety Pat Hunter and corners Daryl McCoy and Joe Peterson return, along with a solid linebacking trio of Mark McVeigh (6-3, 220), Kyle Denny (220), and Jeff Peterson. The line looks like a bit of a project, but starter Larry Pierce (6-5, 235) is back, plus lettermen Elston Ridgle and Jeff Loutzehnser (6-5, 250), redshirts Sean Sandusky and Dwayne Littlefield, and JC transfer Wayne Schweitzer.

When you lose a kicker like Tony Zendejas (70-86 FG, 300 career points), why not go back to the source? Brother Martin Zendejas will take over those chores, while Bret Dales (39.7) returns as the punter.

BOISE STATE

Like his old boss Jim Criner, Lyle Setencich struggled through an occasionally rocky first year as Bronco head coach. And like Criner, Setencich expects improvement. The Broncos showed it over the last half of the season, reeling off four wins after a 2-4 start.

That streak coincided with the installation of Hazsen Choates at quarterback, and the little freshman was the Big Sky's least intercepted passer (just three in 140 attempts). If Choates can hold off senior Gerald Des Pres and Oregon transfer Todd Anderson for the job, he'll work behind a veteran line led by second-team all-league tackle John Kilgo (265), Steve Despot (240), and Scott Baker.

Some patching needs to be done at the skill positions, as 1,000-yard rusher Rodney Webster and the team's two top receivers have departed. But 1982 all-leaguer Kim Metcalf will have another season of eligibility at flanker and JC transfers DeWayne Porter and March McMurry (6-4, 225) will help at split end and tight end, respectively. Ron Love, second nationally in punt returns (13.1), is the top candidate to replace Webster, with Dean Collins and Dave Maloney also likely to see action.

Boise's defense was the league's toughest to score against, and even without All-Big Sky tackle Michel Bourgeau the Broncos should be stingy again. JC imports Mark Thornton (240) and Brian Hauenstein (6-5, 270) will join the lone holdover starter, all-league tackle Mark Koch (6-5, 255), in the line. The best linebacker in the Big Sky? It's Carl Keever (6-2, 235), who'll team up with Jim Ellis (6-3, 233) on the inside. Another all-league pick, Chuck Butler, could get another year at outside backer, where the depth chart will also include converted lineman Glenn Simonton (225), Mark Wulff, JC recruit Chuck Gross, and prep All-America Kep Crofts (6-2, 225). If Jim Voulelis comes back healthy, the Broncos are solid at cornerback, with Gary Castille set at the other spot. Steve Harris and Mario DiLosa lead a wide-open race at safety.

IDAHO STATE

What's to stop the Bengals from doing another about-face job? From 12-1 and a national title in 1981 to 3-8 in '82 and back to 8-4 in '83, ISU is the Big Sky's most unpredictable team.

Second-year coach Jim Koetter could forecast success based on the return of 14 starters, but he has to replace record-setting quarterback Paul Peterson (2,670 yards, 17 TDs) and four other all-conference players. The quarterback job should go to Vern Harris, a JC product who redshirted last year, with Portland State transfer Robby Pflug in reserve. Koetter also went to the JC market to shore up his receiving corps and landed El Camino alums Brooks Douglas and Todd Hansen, plus Ken Haren and Larry Wobig.

ISU's woeful rushing attack improved just enough to keep the heat off Peterson, and most of the moving parts are back, led by Wade Wilhite (347 yards, 27 catches), Merril Hoge, and Dale Goodwin. Todd Price was All-Big Sky center and is flanked by returning starters Jeff Bartlow (247), Chris Lacy (245), and Tim Messuri (234). Jody Griswold (20 catches) inherits the tight-end job.

Second-team all-leaguers John Berry (5 interceptions) and nose guard Steve Anderson (259) head a defense that led the loop against the rush but was last against the pass. Bob Otto (6-5, 235) and Fred Ernst (236) are line holdovers; but help is needed there. Part-timers Rich Grimmett and Anthony Delaney are the only starters back at linebacker, too, though Earl Davis and David White saw considerable playing time. In the secondary, Gerald Richardson was a regular at cornerback and Bill Mahar has been lured from the JC ranks to aid a unit that includes Brent Koetter, the coach's son, among the hopefuls.

ISU's most potent weapons are kicker Perry Larson (17-26 FG) and Jeff Kaiser (42.5), who made ISU No. 3 spot nationally in net punting.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Looking for a sleeper? Seems NAU gets that label every year, but with 17 starters back from the only Big Sky team to upset Nevada-Reno in '83, the Lumberjacks are worthy of that designation.

One missing part costs the NAU engine a lot of horsepower, however. Pete Mandley gained nearly 6,000 yards and rewrote all I-AA all-purpose running records in his career here, and the void he leaves can't be underestimated. Still, the 'Jacks have quarterback Mike Mendoza (2,546 yards, 54.8 percent) back to throw to Ben Richardson (41-552) and tight end Vince Dozier, as well as running back Jerry Holder, who led the team with 602 yards rushing and caught 32 passes. Protection will be offered by a line that includes tackles Doug Gandy (6-5, 270) and Dan Moran (241), guard Joe Pettit (6-5, 240), and center Steve Caparella.

NAU's defense needs to be a bit stingier near the goal line, and look for James Gee (239) to see to that. The Big Sky's leading tackler among down linemen the past two years, the all-league tackle anchors a veteran unit that includes Greg Roskopf (245), A.J. Cataneda (6-4, 250), and Harry Kaminski (238). The linebacking corps of Jeff Randel El,

Boise State DT Mark Koch

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks

Marvin Jackmon, Brad Litle, and Randy Cook also returns intact. Coach Joe Harper must replace all the starters in the secondary except Tony Cullen, who also centers a line on the hockey team. DeJuan Robinson, who made three interceptions as a sub, is a top candidate, as are JC transfers Dwight Daniels and Terry Gatewood.

IDAHO

He joined the track team and broke 7,000 points in his first decathlon. He suited up with the basketball team a week before he signed a USFL contract. Ken Hobart was the answer to problems encountered by the track coach, the basketball coach, and, most of all, football coach Dennis Erickson, who must now find new answers.

Replacing the record-setting All-America quarterback (3,618 yards passing, 32 TDs) is sophomore Scott Linehan's job. But Division I-AA's most prolific offense must cast other new actors as well. The only four regulars back are fullback Mike Shill and the core of a solid offensive line: Dave Thorsen (255), Matt Watson (250), and Lance West.

For targets, Linehan can start with holdovers Kevin Juma and Rob Love and JC recruits Ron Oliver and Eric Yarber, a 5-8 gnat who put on a show in Idaho's spring game. Scott Auker (18-257), Dan Martin, and Dell Bull are the tight-end candidates, while swift Marlon Barrow and Andrew Smith (237 yards) battle for the tailback job.

The Vandals don't make the same kind of headlines with their defense. Indeed, their 8-3 record came despite a turnover margin of minus 17. But nine starters return. John Andrews (6-4, 235) and Pete Ruhl (245) anchor the line, with Sam Manoa, Todd Fryhover, Tom Hennessey, and Ed Rifialto at linebacker. All-leaguer Boyce Bailey is the only missing part in a secondary manned by Mark Tidd, Steve Simpson, and Mike Johnston. JC imports Jim Carlson and Ron Crick will help at linebacker, and safety Dan McCanna will be welcome off a redshirt year.

Tim McMonigle doesn't get as many field-goal chances as his Big Sky cousins, but he's had 82 consecutive PATs, an NCAA record.

MONTANA

The Grizzlies' hopes for reaching this year's I-AA playoffs may be nothing but a mirage—as in Mirage Bowl. Scheduled to play Army in Tokyo on November 17, UM has seen the game moved back a week, to the day the playoffs begin stateside.

Of course, it'll be no conflict if the Grizzlies close 1984 the way they closed '83: six straight losses after a 4-0 start. Larry Donovan used four different quarterbacks, but the real problem was defense. UM was last in the Big Sky and particularly vulnerable against the run. That is double trouble in a conference so committed to the pass.

Quarterback won't be a quandary this time. Marty Mornhinweg, who missed the '83 season, was the league's most efficient thrower two years ago and is the school's all-time leader. His return will allow Donovan to move the versatile Kelly Richardson to wide receiver, where he'll team with Bob McCauley (24-354) and pick up some of the slack left by the graduation of All-America tight end Brian Salonen. Another convert, running back Curt McGinness, should take Salonen's spot. Fullback Joe Klucewich, returns for '83 and will likely team in the backfield with junior Alan Botzheim. They'll run behind a line that features returning regulars Rick Linderholm (6-6, 273), Eric Dawald (240), Craig Mosier (6-4, 245), and Tom Rutt (6-7, 272).

There is more work to do on defense. Numbers are thin on the line, though there's size with tackles Scott Poole (6-7, 270), who was injured in '83, and Larry Oliver (6-6, 250). But the linebacking could be a strong point. Jake Trammell (6-3, 232) and Gregg Green (226) are returning starters on the inside and Bill Tarrow (6-5, 220) is a budding star on the outside. Scott Timberman and league kick-return leader Ted Ray started in the secondary last year, and that area will be strengthened by the return of Ned Becker, who was hurt last season.

Montana fullback Joe Klucewich

Montana State TE Joe Bignell

MONTANA STATE

Anytime Dave Arnold heard a crack about his '83 Bobcats, the joke inevitably ended with the disclaimer, "Hey, no offense." Because MSU didn't have one. The Cats went without a touchdown in six of their 11 games last fall and scored just 109 points. Impotence like that hasn't been seen in the Big Sky since Bud Hake's "Lose Like Hell" Idaho State teams of 1979-80. MSU's record (1-10) showed it, and Arnold will probably wear out the film of the 28-8 win over rival Montana in hopes of building confidence on offense.

Quarterback Mike Godfrey takes a bunch of school passing records with him to NFL camp, leaving Kelly Bradley, who started two games last fall, and JC import Greg Andal to battle for the job. Arnold much patch the line, where guards Bruce Randall (6-6, 265) and Steve Cornellier (230), who was injured last year but an all-star in '82, are the only vets.

The receiving corps should be strong with the return of Tom White and tight end Joe Bignell (38-320), though Bryan Compton (25-470) is being shifted to running back to push David Pandt (325 yards) and Brian Williams. Juco recruits Joe Cerny and Darin Dietrich should help at end, as will 220-pound Eric Miller at fullback.

The defense is a happier place, though Arnold would love to clone departed linebacker Jim Kalafat and three-year starting nose guard Dave Thompson. He'll settle for nine returning starters, including all-league linebacker Mark Fellows (225) and rover Clete Linebarger. Lonnie Burt (260) joins brothers Troy and Kirk Timmer as returning regulars up front, while the secondary is intact with Rodney Holland, William Johnson, Doug Kimball (5 interceptions), and Joe Roberts.

Only ISU's specialists rival MSU's duo of Mark Carter (13-17 FG) and Dirk Nelson (41.0-yard career punting average).

WEBER STATE

Three losses by a touchdown or less spoiled the Wildcats' 4-0 start, and now they need help in a hurry to replace 13 lost starters, including quarterback Tim Bernal and do-everything back Dennis Rogan.

Freddie Cook (423 yards) will run behind a line that includes veteran guards Craig Dumity (240) and Dan Wiedenhoff (240), plus tight end Craig Slama. Wide receiver will be bolstered by the addition of jucos Chris Darrington and Rod Shelby, and Gerald Pitts will join Cook in the backfield. Without a veteran quarterback, coach Mike Price will look to JC thrower Dave Stireman and freshmen Jeff Carlson, Rich Ericson, and Feraras Reid.

Price must also rebuild the defensive front, so he went heavily to the JC market, luring Ross Harris, Tony Insillio, Doug Orr, Donnie Pearce, and Bill Riddle, among others. Mike Powell and Mo White (221) are back at linebacker, while the Cats have veterans at the corners in Junior Crockett and Darryl Pollard and a solid free safety in Rick Ryan.

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EASTERN WASHINGTON

Playing a full I-AA schedule for the first time, the Eagles followed an 0-5 start with five straight wins, including one over Long Beach State. Some 22 lettermen are gone, however, and coach Dick Zornes has to be worried about his defense.

Only two starters return on that side of the ball: end Frank Staudenraus and cornerback Rob Friese. But the secondary could be O.K., though young, with Rick Redden, Darryl Hunter, Craig Connors, and Mark Cordes back. Mike Kingston and Ken Wierleski should step in at tackle, while Paul Berg is a veteran end. Linebacking is a void, with Steve Cole the only holdover with experience to speak of.

With quarterback Steve White gone, Zornes will turn to sophomore Rob James and transfer Rich Worman. They'll throw behind a line that has a potential pro in tackle Jeff Kupp. JC recruit Mark Gehring is the likely starter at tight end. Craig Richardson (42-579) had a sensational freshman year at split end. Flanker Tracy Poffenroth (20-250) helped a lot. Converted running back Craig Givens will add depth, while Joe Kniffen (263 yards) and Chris Isaacson seem set at running back.

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ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	ydsp
Rich Erenberg, Colgate	SR	11	1883	214	126	18	2241	203.
Andre Garron, New Hampshire	SO	10	1009	539	0	359	1907	190.
Ralph Ferraro, Princeton	SR	10	1012	241	0	416	1669	166.9
Pete Mandley, Northern Ariz	SR	10	50	841	367	387	1645	164.5
Gill Fenerty, Holy Cross	SO	9	1039	165	0	246	1450	161.1
Derrick Harmon, Cornell	SR	10	1276	270	5	19	1570	157.0
Herman Hunter, Tennessee St	SO	11	458	270	273	703	1704	154.9
Vincent Hall, Middle Tenn	JR	9	949	173	0	239	1361	151.2
Ryan Priest, Lafayette	SO	11	794	180	240	391	1605	145.9
Paul Lewis, Boston U	JR	10	1368	87	0	0	1455	145.5
Dave Scanlon, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	725	283	0	587	1595	145.0
Jarvis Jennings, Richmond	JR	10	1163	31	0	386	1580	143.6
Jerry Rice, Miss. Valley	SR	11	-14	1450	0	0	1436	143.6
James Black, Akron	SR	11	1568	0	0	0	1568	142.5
Stanford Jennings, Furman	JR	10	1260	306	0	0	1566	142.4
Bobby Craighead, NE Louisiana	SR	11	982	127	0	449	1558	141.6
Lionel Vital, Nichols St	JR	11	776	167	0	572	1515	137.7
Derek Graham, Princeton	JR	10	0	1363	0	0	1363	136.3
Gary Clark, James Madison	SR	11	41	885	303	266	1495	135.9
Kevin Guthrie, Princeton	SR	10	0	1259	71	0	1330	133.0
Steve Ernst, Harvard	SR	10	761	290	109	133	1293	129.3
Mike Cate, Davidson	FR	10	400	131	155	600	1286	128.6
Jerry Butler, SE Louisiana	SR	11	980	158	0	270	1408	128.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	rushing				passing				total offense		
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	yd pl	tdr*	yd
Ken Hobart, Idaho	101	345	163	182	477	3618	578	3800	6.6	37	34
John Witkowski, Columbia	63	184	169	15	429	3152	492	3167	6.4	25	31
Doug Butler, Princeton	57	65	164	-99	398	3175	455	3076	6.8	27	307
Willie Totten, Miss. Valley	54	185	95	90	257	2410	311	2500	8.0	33	277
Tim Bernal, Weber St	62	155	220	-65	383	2738	445	2673	6.0	18	243.
Paul Peterson, Idaho St	69	138	239	-101	434	2670	503	2569	5.1	20	233.5
Mike Menodza, Northern Ariz	52	64	218	-154	396	2546	448	2392	5.3	16	217.5
Frank Novak, Lafayette	62	177	152	25	326	2356	388	2381	6.1	20	216.5
David Wienke, Rhode Island	44	138	141	-3	338	2103	382	2100	5.5	15	210.0
Joe Potter, Brown	137	739	145	594	244	1438	381	2032	5.3	8	203.2
Steve Calabria, Colgate	41	93	146	-53	318	2233	359	2180	6.1	19	198.2
John McKenzie, Jackson St	82	344	284	60	283	2067	365	2127	5.8	20	193.4
Jeff Miller, Indiana St	106	417	91	326	261	1762	367	2088	5.7	16	189.8
Frank Polsinello, Dartmouth	83	197	275	-78	229	1952	312	1874	6.0	9	187.4
Marty Horn, Lehigh	65	127	234	-107	337	2165	402	2058	5.1	20	187.1
Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cook	20	20	98	-78	269	1756	289	1678	5.8	14	186.4
Bob Gibbon, Bucknell	155	444	418	26	294	1835	449	1861	4.1	18	186.1
Dave Murphy, Wm. & Mary	34	63	118	-55	312	2093	346	2038	5.9	15	185.3
Robert Hill, Citadel	82	198	355	-157	314	1932	396	1775	4.5	12	177.5
B J Webster, Delaware	73	180	197	-17	302	1924	375	1907	5.1	16	173.4
John Coppens, Illinois St	43	116	150	-34	305	1934	348	1900	5.5	18	172.7
Mickey Corwin, Middle Tenn	60	170	107	63	202	1658	262	1721	6.6	14	172.1
Mark Bloom, Western Ill	57	207	105	102	303	1618	360	1720	4.8	12	172.0

*Touchdowns responsible for are TDs players scored or passed for

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Willie Totten, Miss.Valley	SO	9	257	164	63.81	8	3.11	2410	9.38	28	10.89	172.3
David Charpia, Furman	SR	9	156	99	63.46	4	2.56	1419	9.10	12	7.69	160.1
Frank Polsinello, Dartmouth	SR	10	229	141	61.57	9	3.93	1952	8.52	9	3.93	138.3
Doug Butler, Princeton	SO	10	398	224	56.28	13	3.27	3175	7.98	25	6.28	137.5
Mickey Corwin, Middle Tenn	JR	10	202	117	57.92	10	4.95	1658	8.21	12	5.94	136.6
Rick Leclerc, New Hampshire	JR	10	165	87	52.73	7	4.24	1452	8.80	9	5.45	136.2
Hazsen Choates, Boise St	FR	9	140	71	50.71	3	2.14	1108	7.91	9	6.43	134.1
Ken Hobart, Idaho	SR	11	477	268	56.18	19	3.98	3618	7.58	32	6.71	134.1
Kenneth Biggles, Tenn. St	JR	11	221	121	54.75	10	4.52	1798	8.14	13	5.88	133.5
Dave Murphy, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	312	199	63.78	12	3.85	2093	6.71	14	4.49	127.2
Frank Novak, Lafayette	SR	11	326	192	58.90	19	5.83	2356	7.23	19	5.83	127.2
John Witkowski, Columbia	SR	10	429	234	54.55	18	4.20	3152	7.35	23	5.36	125.6
Richard Myles, Alcorn St	JR	10	152	76	50.00	8	5.26	1119	7.36	11	7.24	125.2
Tim Bernal, Weber St	SR	11	383	218	56.92	10	2.61	2738	7.15	14	3.66	123.8
John McKenzie, Jackson St	JR	11	283	143	50.53	13	4.59	2067	7.30	17	6.01	122.5
Pete Muldoon, Holy Cross	JR	11	193	107	55.44	10	5.18	1459	7.56	8	4.15	122.3
Greg Carter, North Texas St	SR	10	185	93	50.27	7	3.78	1275	6.89	12	6.49	122.0
Jeff Miller, Indiana St	SO	11	261	143	54.79	4	1.53	1762	6.75	9	3.45	119.8
Steve Calabria, Colgate	JR	11	318	169	53.14	16	5.03	2233	7.02	17	5.35	119.7
Bob Gibbon, Bucknell	JR	10	294	185	62.93	17	5.78	1835	6.24	14	4.76	119.5
John McGeehan, Penn	JR	10	169	79	46.75	8	4.73	1266	7.49	9	5.33	117.8
Mike Beauchemin, Maine	SR	8	126	61	48.41	6	4.76	868	6.89	8	6.35	117.7
Herman Coleman, Southern U	FR	11	202	87	43.07	18	8.91	1618	8.01	15	7.43	117.0

Rich Erenberg
Steve Calabria

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INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	pg
Mike Armentrout, SW Mo. St.	JR	11	10	42	0	91
Tony Hill, Rhode Island	SO	10	9	117	1	90
Tony Shaw, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	9	151	0	82
Blair Talmadge, Lehigh	JR	11	8	104	2	73
Matt Latham, Connecticut	JR	11	8	96	0	73
Brian Williams, Miss. Valley	SR	10	7	81	0	70
Issiac Holt, Alcorn St.	JR	9	6	51	1	67
Robert Williams, Eastern Ill.	SR	11	7	136	0	64
Jim Gum, Lehigh	JR	11	7	59	0	64
Kevin Ramsey, Indiana St.	SR	11	7	56	0	64
Mark Kelso, Wm. & Mary	JR	11	7	51	0	64
Jerome Sims, Arkansas St.	SO	11	7	45	0	64
Eric Robinson, Princeton	JR	10	6	93	0	60
John McGrath, Maine	SR	9	5	42	0	56

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fgpg
Tony Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	29	23	.793	2.09
Henry Castellanos, Eastern Ill.	JR	9	20	14	.700	1.56
Paul Politi, Illinois St.	FR	11	19	17	.895	1.55
Tony Whittington, McNeese St.	JR	11	23	17	.739	1.55
Dennis Heckman, Akron	SR	11	24	17	.708	1.55
Perry Larson, Idaho St.	JR	11	25	17	.680	1.55
Tony Massagli, Boise St.	SR	11	24	16	.667	1.45
Dean Biasucci, Western Caro.	SR	11	20	15	.750	1.36
Mike Molstead, Northern Iowa	JR	11	21	15	.714	1.36
Jesse Garcia, NE Louisiana	SR	11	26	15	.577	1.36
Steve Shapiro, Boston U.	SR	11	18	14	.778	1.27
Kelly Potter, Middle Tenn.	JR	10	16	12	.750	1.20

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Joe Fuller, Northern Iowa	SO	22	344	1	15.6
Dwayne Jupiter, Grambling	JR	19	262	1	13.8
Ron Love, Boise St.	JR	22	289	2	13.1
Pete Mandley, No. Ariz.	SR	31	367	1	11.8
Mike Johnston, Idaho	JR	18	210	0	11.7
Tony Merriwether, N. Texas	SR	32	359	1	11.2
Donnell Daniel, Southern Ill.	SR	17	189	1	11.1
Sylvester Stamps, Jack. St.	SR	15	166	0	11.1
Ray Brown, SE Louisiana	JR	19	207	0	10.9
Jim Reynolds, Akron	SR	16	173	0	10.8
David McCrary, Tn.-Chatta.	SO	34	365	1	10.7
Gary Clark, James Madison	SR	29	303	2	10.4
Matt Courtney, Idaho St.	SR	40	417	1	10.4
Mike Prior, Illinois St.	JR	30	310	1	10.3
Herman Hunter, Tenn. St.	SO	27	273	1	10.1
Matt Latham, Connecticut	JR	25	239	2	9.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Tony James, Eastern Ky.	JR	17	511	0	30.1
Reggie Sandlands, Bethune	SR	12	333	1	27.7
Lionel Vital, Nicholls St.	JR	21	572	0	27.2
Danny Abercrombie, Marsh.	SO	20	535	0	26.7
Ray Brown, SE Louisiana	JR	16	426	0	26.6
Bobby Craighead, NE La.	SR	17	449	1	26.4
Robert Thompson, Y'town	JR	26	672	1	25.8
Sylvester Stamps, Jack. St.	SR	12	306	0	25.5
Ronald Scott, Southern	SO	18	441	1	24.5
Ryan Priest, Lafayette	SO	16	391	1	24.4
Herman Hunter, Tenn. St.	SO	29	703	0	24.2
Jarvis Jennings, Richmond	SR	16	386	0	24.1
Steve Baker, Tenn.-Chatta.	FR	14	334	1	23.9
Gary Dubose, Connecticut	JR	21	493	1	23.5
Barney Bussey, S.C. State	SR	19	446	1	23.5
Tim McGugan, Harvard	SR	18	422	0	23.4

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 punts per game)	cl	no	avg
Pat Velarde, Marshall	SR	64	44.6
Bret Wright, SE Louisiana	SR	66	44.3
Mark Royals, Appalachian St.	JR	64	43.4
Kim Davis, Southern U.	JR	56	43.2
Mike Johnson, Northern Iowa	SR	54	43.1
Jeff Kaiser, Idaho St.	JR	67	42.5
John Starnes, North Texas St.	JR	71	41.0
Dirk Nelson, Montana St.	JR	79	40.9
Mickey Stinnett, James Madison	JR	70	40.9
Jon Nicolaisen, Howard	SO	47	40.8
Greg Davis, Citadel	FR	57	40.4
Steve Kornegay, Western Caro.	SO	60	40.4
David Fuhrer, Nicholls St.	SO	56	40.2
David Wood, West Texas St.	SR	41	40.2
Bobby Woodwin, East Tennessee	JR	39	40.2

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Rich Erenberg, Colgate	SR	11	302	1883	6.2	20	171.2
James Black, Akron	SR	11	351	1568	4.5	9	142.5
Paul Lewis, Boston U.	JR	10	286	1368	4.8	20	136.8
Derrick Harmon, Cornell	SR	10	216	1276	5.9	12	127.6
Gill Fenerty, Holy Cross	SO	9	165	1039	6.3	14	115.4
Stanford Jennings, Furman	SR	11	190	1260	6.6	13	114.5
Tony Corley, Nevada-Reno	SR	9	231	1006	4.4	6	111.8
Jarvis Jennings, Richmond	SR	11	221	1163	5.3	5	105.7
Vincent Hall, Middle Tenn.	JR	9	137	949	6.9	7	105.4
Ralph Ferraro, Princeton	SR	10	254	1012	4.0	6	101.2
Andre Garron, New Hampshire	SO	10	176	1009	5.7	12	100.9
Billy Parks, Connecticut	SO	11	249	1095	4.4	9	99.5
Otto Kelly, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	164	1090	6.6	10	99.1
Scotty Caldwell, Texas-Arlington	JR	11	200	1090	5.4	10	99.1
Gene Lake, Delaware St.	SO	11	190	1069	5.6	11	97.2
Terence Thompson, Eastern Ky.	SR	8	156	761	4.9	7	95.1
Rodney Webster, Boise St.	SR	11	227	1037	4.6	4	94.3
Kevin Staple, Eastern Ill.	SR	11	220	1008	4.6	8	91.6
Bobby Craighead, NE Louisiana	SR	11	209	982	4.7	7	89.3
Jerry Butler, SE Louisiana	SR	11	228	980	4.3	8	89.1
Willie Cannon, Murray St.	FR	9	179	776	4.3	10	86.2
Mike Jones, No. Caro. A&T	SR	11	211	941	4.5	8	85.5
Larry Fourqurean, Marshall	SR	11	204	899	4.4	7	81.7

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	ptpg
Rich Erenberg, Colgate	SR	11	21	10	0	136	12.4
Paul Lewis, Boston U.	JR	10	20	2	0	122	12.2
Andre Garron, New Hampshire	SO	10	18	0	0	108	10.8
Tony Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	0	37	23	106	9.6
Gill Fenerty, Holy Cross	SO	9	14	0	0	84	9.3
Jerry Rice, Miss. Valley	JR	10	14	0	0	84	8.4
Rennie Benn, Lehigh	SO	11	15	2	0	92	8.4
Stanford Jennings, Furman	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.2
Perry Larson, Idaho St.	JR	11	0	35	17	86	7.8
Paul Politi, Illinois St.	FR	11	0	33	17	84	7.6
Derrick Harmon, Cornell	SR	10	12	2	0	74	7.4
Tony Massagli, Boise St.	SR	11	0	33	16	81	7.4
Willie Cannon, Murray St.	FR	9	11	0	0	66	7.3
John Taylor, Delaware St.	SO	11	13	2	0	80	7.3
Herman Hunter, Tennessee St.	SO	11	13	0	0	78	7.1
Golden Tate, Tennessee St.	SR	11	13	0	0	78	7.1
Dean Biasucci, Western Caro	SR	11	0	32	15	77	7.0
Ron Miller, Southern Ill.	FR	11	0	47	10	77	7.0
Kelly Potter, Middle Tenn.	JR	10	0	32	12	68	6.8
Steve Shapiro, Boston U.	SR	11	0	31	14	73	6.6
Richard Weissman, Dartmouth	JR	10	11	0	0	66	6.6
Derek Graham, Princeton	JR	10	11	0	0	66	6.6
John Goode, Youngstown St.	SR	10	11	0	0	66	6.6

RECEIVING

	cl	g	no	yds	td	pg
Jerry Rice, Miss. Valley	JR	10	102	1450	14	10.2
Kevin Guthrie, Princeton	SR	10	88	1259	9	8.8
Derek Graham, Princeton	JR	10	84	1363	11	8.4
Bill Reggio, Columbia	SR	10	71	958	9	7.1
Don Lewis, Columbia	SR	10	69	888	5	6.9
Brian Salonen, Montana	SR	10	68	832	9	6.8
Mark Ledford, Morehead St.	SR	11	74	948	2	6.7
Eric Rasheed, Western Caro	JR	11	68	818	8	6.2
Frank Corbo, Lafayette	JR	9	55	783	5	6.1
Kurt Vestman, Idaho	SR	9	55	560	3	6.1
Mike Sutton, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	66	930	5	6.0
Pete Mandley, Northern Ariz.	SR	10	60	841	5	6.0
Rennie Benn, Lehigh	SO	11	65	1114	15	5.9
Clarence Collins, Illinois St.	SR	11	64	1007	11	5.8
Dave Kucera, Bucknell	JR	9	52	644	7	5.8
Golden Tate, Tennessee St.	SR	11	63	1307	13	5.7
Jack Daly, Dartmouth	SR	10	56	889	5	5.6
Ron Whittenburg, Idaho	SR	11	59	874	6	5.4
Dennis Rogan, Weber St.	SR	10	52	503	0	5.2
Ray Alexander, Florida A&M	SR	11	57	1079	9	5.2
Gary Clark, James Madison	SR	11	57	885	6	5.2
Leland Melvin, Richmond	SO	11	55	682	5	5.0
Leon Gonzales, Bethune-Cook.	JR	9	43	718	6	4.8

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Furman	11	627	3158	5.0	36	287.1
Delaware St.	11	605	3117	5.2	33	283.4
Nevada-Reno	11	581	2840	4.9	23	258.2
Arkansas St.	11	611	2758	4.5	20	250.7
Colgate	11	523	2732	5.2	30	248.4
NE Louisiana	11	581	2581	4.4	14	234.6
Brown	10	508	2288	4.5	21	228.8
Eastern Ky.	10	536	2275	4.2	17	227.5
Boston U.	11	594	2451	4.1	25	222.8
Tenn.-Chatta.	11	604	2429	4.0	20	220.8
SW Missouri St.	11	581	2419	4.2	19	219.9
S.C. State	10	536	2129	4.0	21	212.9
Harvard	10	533	2093	3.9	18	209.3
McNeese St.	11	610	2296	3.8	17	208.7
Holy Cross	11	557	2294	4.1	31	208.5
Texas-Arlington	11	550	2264	4.1	22	205.8
Akron	11	570	2251	3.9	13	204.6
Middle Tenn.	10	458	2040	4.5	23	204.0
East Tennessee	11	517	2227	4.3	17	202.5
New Hampshire	10	487	1962	4.0	23	196.2

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	ydspg
Jackson St.	11	429	871	2.0	10	79.2
Tennessee St.	11	403	901	2.2	12	81.9
Delaware	11	454	926	2.0	11	84.2
Grambling	11	427	956	2.2	4	86.9
SW Missouri St.	11	400	1020	2.5	11	92.7
Bethune-Cook.	9	343	854	2.5	7	94.9
Eastern Ky.	10	360	949	2.6	9	94.9
Bucknell	10	340	949	2.8	13	94.9
Idaho St.	11	427	1084	2.5	8	98.5
Lafayette	11	419	1096	2.6	13	99.6
Eastern Ill.	11	442	1124	2.5	8	102.2
Nevada-Reno	11	378	1162	3.1	4	105.6
Miss. Valley	10	379	1085	2.9	13	108.5
NE Louisiana	11	457	1208	2.6	8	109.8
Tenn.-Chatta.	11	451	1258	2.8	9	114.4
Furman	11	429	1304	3.0	11	118.5
Akron	11	457	1323	2.9	6	120.3
Boston U.	11	408	1325	3.2	9	120.5
S.C. State	10	366	1212	3.3	5	121.2
North Texas St.	11	472	1342	2.8	5	122.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	ydspg
Idaho	11	874	5274	6.0	45	479.5
Miss. Valley	10	729	4643	6.4	54	464.3
Furman	11	852	5084	6.0	52	462.2
Colgate	11	844	4995	5.9	48	454.1
Princeton	10	786	4392	5.6	37	439.2
Tennessee St.	11	789	4812	6.1	53	437.5
Columbia	10	739	4080	5.5	29	408.0
Lafayette	11	816	4417	5.4	39	401.5
Nevada-Reno	11	842	4375	5.2	37	397.7
Weber St.	11	799	4336	5.4	37	394.2
Delaware St.	11	768	4265	5.6	46	387.7
William & Mary	11	829	4211	5.1	35	382.8
Brown	10	765	3818	5.0	25	381.8
Middle Tenn.	11	784	4153	5.3	30	380.2
Y'town St.	11	888	4038	4.5	36	367.1
Idaho St.	11	794	4035	5.1	26	366.8
NE Louisiana	9	635	3290	5.2	28	365.6
Bethune-Cook.	11	789	3979	5.0	30	361.7
Boise St.	11	801	3977	5.0	26	361.5
Arkansas St.						

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	ydspg
Grambling	11	689	2266	3.3	9	206.0
Jackson St.	11	665	2393	3.6	18	217.5
Eastern Ill.	11	744	2553	3.4	13	232.1
Bethune-Cook.	9	567	2093	3.7	16	232.6
NE Louisiana	11	714	2619	3.7	14	238.1
S.C. State	10	624	2450	3.9	10	245.0
North Texas St.	11	759	2698	3.6	11	245.3
Middle Tenn.	10	615	2462	4.0	13	246.2
Murray State	11	729	2712	3.7	12	246.5
Tenn.-Chatta.	11	713	2732	3.8	21	248.4
Akron	11	719	2763	3.8	12	251.2
Southern Ill.	11	801	2781	3.5	20	252.8
Eastern Ky.	10	649	2582	4.0	14	258.2
Tennessee St.	11	708	2864	4.0	30	260.4
Furman	11	729	2889	4.0	14	262.6
Delaware	11	773	2936	3.8	26	266.9
Alcorn State	10	656	2715	4.1	24	271.5
Austin Peay	11	771	3118	4.0	20	283.5
Indiana St.	11	720	3169	4.4	19	288.1
McNeese St.	11	754	3185	4.2	24	289.5

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PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	ydspg
Idaho	11	481	270	19	56.1	3697	7.7	33	336.1
Princeton	10	421	238	15	56.5	3308	7.9	26	330.8
Columbia	11	434	237	19	54.6	3182	7.3	23	318.2
Tennessee St	11	374	202	16	54.0	3327	8.9	28	302.5
Miss. Valley	10	336	207	11	61.6	2964	8.8	32	296.4
Weber St	11	415	234	13	56.4	3071	7.4	18	279.2
Idaho St	11	480	236	18	49.2	2950	6.1	17	268.2
William & Mary	11	424	267	15	63.0	2723	6.4	19	247.5
Northern Ariz	11	397	217	20	54.7	2546	6.4	15	231.5
Citadel	11	407	217	23	53.3	2530	6.2	17	230.0
Bethune-Cook	9	309	143	10	46.3	2034	6.6	15	226.0
Nicholls St	11	364	181	18	49.7	2481	6.8	19	225.5
Lehigh	11	383	200	23	52.2	2409	6.3	20	219.0
Rhode Island	10	350	154	25	44.0	2190	6.3	15	219.0
Youngstown St	11	313	168	16	53.7	2408	7.7	18	218.9
Lafayette	11	332	196	19	59.0	2399	7.2	20	218.1
Dartmouth	10	253	152	13	60.1	2178	8.6	11	217.8
Western Caro	11	384	208	13	54.2	2334	6.1	17	212.2
Louisiana Tech	11	399	195	29	48.9	2308	5.8	10	209.8
Colgate	11	321	172	16	53.6	2263	7.0	18	205.7

*All-time record. + Ties all-time record

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	ydspg
Louisiana Tech	11	221	106	15	48.0	1225	5.5	7	111.4
Murray State	11	250	103	21	41.2	1237	4.9	5	112.5
Grambling	11	262	100	23	38.2	1310	5.0	5	119.1
Middle Tenn	10	206	94	17	45.6	1194	5.8	9	119.4
Southern Ill	11	279	117	28	41.9	1332	4.8	9	121.1
Massachusetts	11	236	107	17	45.3	1341	5.7	8	121.9
North Texas St	11	287	112	12	39.0	1356	4.7	6	123.3
S.C. State	10	258	110	13	42.6	1238	4.8	5	123.8
NE Louisiana	11	257	121	15	47.1	1411	5.5	6	128.3
West Texas St	11	215	109	16	50.7	1422	6.6	10	129.3
Eastern Ill	11	302	120	24	39.7	1429	4.7	5	129.9
NW Louisiana	11	253	130	17	51.4	1433	5.7	7	130.3
Akron	11	262	125	19	47.7	1440	5.5	6	130.9
VMI	11	216	119	16	55.1	1471	6.8	11	133.7
Tenn.-Chattanooga	11	262	129	17	49.2	1474	5.6	12	134.0
Richmond	11	216	114	10	52.8	1491	6.9	7	135.5
Morehead St	11	194	96	11	49.5	1494	7.7	15	135.8
Texas-Arlington	11	235	105	12	44.7	1503	6.4	10	136.6
McNeese St	11	272	125	27	46.0	1505	5.5	13	136.8
Austin Peay	11	251	127	16	50.6	1509	6.0	6	137.2

FINAL DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

DIVISION I-AA SINGLE GAME HIGHS

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and passing		
Rushing and passing plays	Paul Peterson, Idaho State (Nevada-Reno, Oct. 1)	82
Rushing and passing yards	Ken Hobard, Idaho (Southern Colo., Sept. 10)	*543
Rushing plays	James Black, Akron (Austin Peay, Nov. 19)	*52
Net rushing yards	Gill Fenerty, Holy Cross (Columbia, Oct. 29)	337
Passes attempted	Paul Peterson, Idaho State (Nevada-Reno, Oct. 1)	74
Passes completed	Tim Bernal, Weber State (Idaho State, Nov. 12)	37
Passing yards	Ken Hobart, Idaho (Southern Colo., Sept. 10)	37
Touchdown passes	Ken Hobart, Idaho (Southern Colo., Sept. 10)	*527
	Willie Totten, Mississippi Valley (Prairie View, Oct. 29)	7
Receiving and kick returns		
Passes caught	Jerry Rice, Mississippi Valley (Southern-B.R., Oct. 1)	*24
Receiving yards	Jerry Rice, Mississippi Valley (Prairie View, Oct. 29)	242
Punt-return yards	Golden Tate, Tennessee St. (Florida A&M, Sept. 24)	242
Kickoff-return yards	Gary Clark, James Madison (Virginia, Sept. 17)	*183
	Herbert Harbison, North Carolina A&T (Tenn. State, Nov. 19)	218
Scoring		
Touchdowns and points	Gill Fenerty, Holy Cross (Columbia, Oct. 29)	+6 & +36
Field goals made	Tony Zendejas, Nevada-Reno (Idaho, Nov. 12)	+5
	Mike Powers, Colgate (Army, Sept. 10)	+5
	Jamie Lovett, Eastern Ky. (Youngstown St., Sept. 10)	+5
		total
	team (opponent, date)	
Net rushing yards	Holy Cross (Columbia, Oct. 29)	*583
Rushing and passing yards	Tennessee State (Dist. Columbia, Nov. 5)	*780
Passing yards	Idaho (Southern Colo., Sept. 10)	527
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Austin Peay (Morehead St., Oct. 8)	*-88
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	Grambling (Prairie View, Oct. 1)	37
Passes attempted	Idaho State (Nevada-Reno, Oct. 1)	74
Points scored	Holy Cross (Columbia, Oct. 29)	77

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NET PUNTING

	punts	avg	no ret	yds ret	net avg
SE Louisiana	68	43.0	21	131	41.1
Idaho St	68	42.4	31	209	39.3
North Texas St	72	40.5	26	109	39.0
Marshall	65	44.3	37	365	38.7
Southern U	57	43.3	34	263	38.2
Boise St	57	40.1	21	111	37.7
Northern Ariz	56	39.8	21	116	37.7
Appalachian St	71	43.3	38	393	37.7
Southern Ill	62	38.4	19	52	37.6
James Madison	71	40.8	32	234	37.5

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Miss. Valley	10	392	39.2
Tennessee St	11	393	35.7
Furman	11	378	34.4
Colgate	11	368	33.5
Delaware St	11	368	33.5
Southern Ill	11	359	32.6
Nevada-Reno	11	348	31.6
Idaho	11	347	31.5
Idaho St	10	326	29.6
Middle Tenn	11	296	29.6
Florida A&M	10	315	28.6
Princeton	11	285	28.5
Illinois St	11	308	28.0
Holy Cross	11	304	27.6
Western Caro	11	297	27.0
Jackson St	11	297	27.0
Lafayette	11	293	26.6
Weber St	11	290	26.4
Grambling	11	286	26.0
New Hampshire	10	258	25.8

PUNT RETURNS

	games	no	yds	td	avg
Prairie View	11	14	229	0	16.4
Delaware St	11	24	339	2	14.1
Grambling	11	33	413	2	12.5
Northern Ariz	11	44	503	2	11.4
S.C. State	10	28	295	2	10.5
Tennessee St	11	30	315	1	10.5
Tenn.-Chatta.	11	37	388	1	10.5
Howard	10	15	157	1	10.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Grambling	11	95	8.6
Akron	11	104	9.5
Eastern Ill	11	106	9.6
Furman	11	107	9.7
North Texas St	11	117	10.6
NE Louisiana	11	119	10.8
Middle Tenn	10	111	11.1
S.C. State	10	111	11.1
Murray State	11	134	12.2
Jackson St	11	139	12.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

	games	no	yds	td	avg
New Hampshire	10	26	701	2	27.0
Nicholls St	11	43	1077	1	25.0
Eastern Ky	10	22	536	0	24.4
NE Louisiana	11	28	679	2	24.2
SE Louisiana	11	35	825	0	23.6
Harvard	10	32	741	1	23.2
Marshall	11	32	740	0	23.1
Jackson St	11	28	635	0	22.7
S.C. State	10	29	652	1	22.5
Bethune-Cook	9	25	554	1	22.2

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	game
Nevada-Reno	17	25	42	6	14	20	2.000
McNeese St	19	27	46	17	12	29	1.545
Lehigh	22	29	51	12	23	35	1.455
Western Caro	15	22	37	8	13	21	1.455
Colgate	17	15	32	3	16	19	1.182
Northeastern	19	17	36	12	11	23	1.182
Eastern Ill	16	24	40	7	20	27	1.182
Indiana St	11	17	28	10	5	15	1.182

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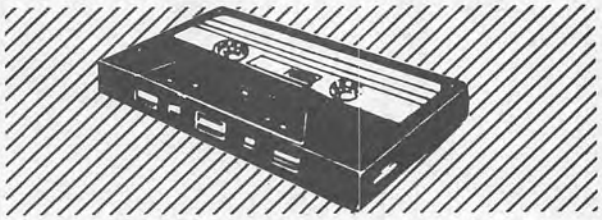

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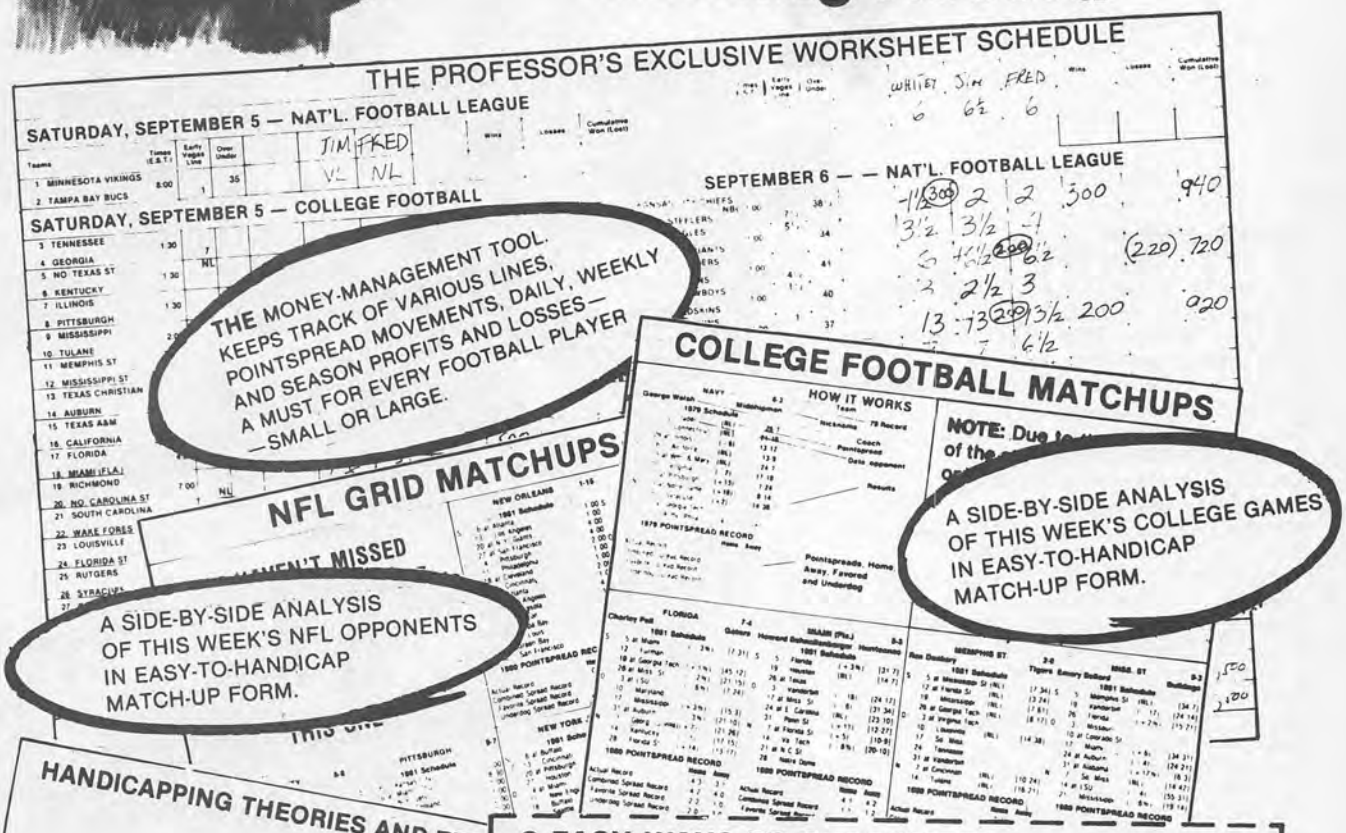

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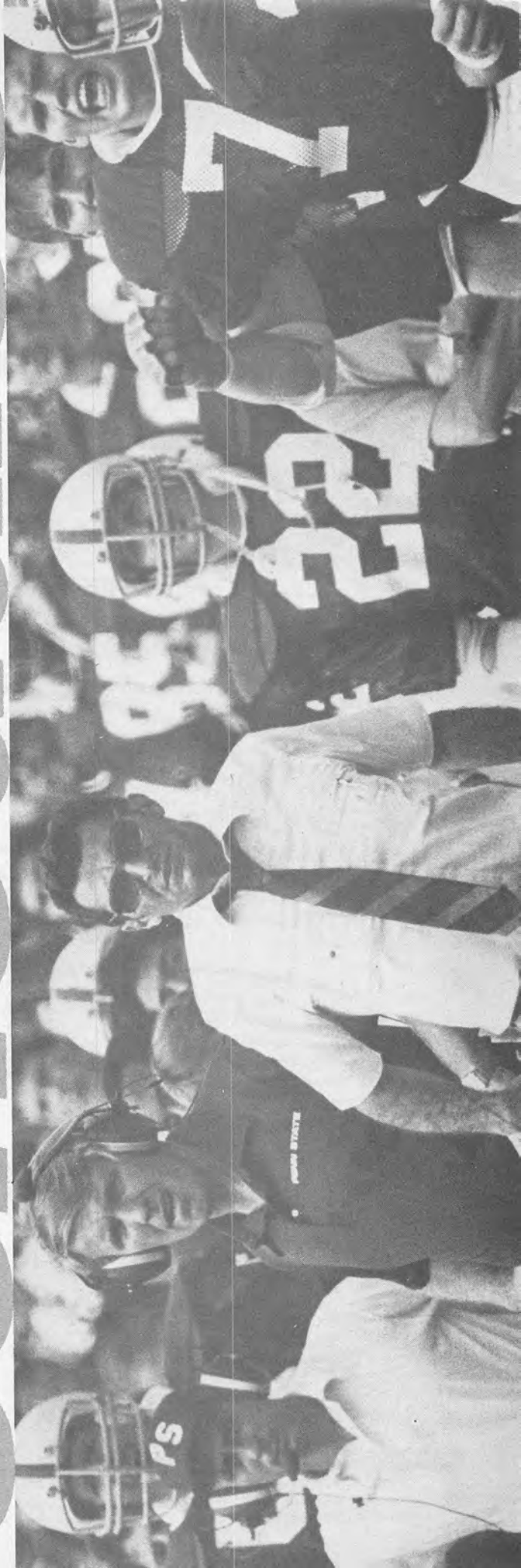

Bowl Schedule

(ALL GAMES LIVE, ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Saturday, December 15 at 4 P.M. (ESPN/Mizlou)
California Bowl (Fresno, CA)
Saturday, December 15 at 8 P.M. (ESPN/Mizlou)
Independence Bowl (Shreveport, LA)
Friday, December 21 at 9 P.M. (ESPN/Mizlou)
Holiday Bowl (San Diego, CA)
Saturday, December 22 at 1 P.M. (NBC)
Florida Citrus Bowl (Orlando, FL)
Saturday, December 22 at 3 P.M. (CBS)
Sun Bowl (El Paso, TX)
Tuesday, December 25 at 12:30 P.M. (CBS)
Blue-Gray Classic (Montgomery, AL)
Friday, December 28 at 8 P.M. (ABC)
Gator Bowl (Jacksonville, FL)
Saturday, December 29 at 8 P.M. (ESPN/METROSPORTS)
Aloha Bowl (Honolulu, HI)
Monday, December 31 at 3 P.M. (CBS)
Peach Bowl (Atlanta, GA)
Monday, December 31 at 8 P.M. (ESPN/Mizlou)
Bluebonnet Bowl (Houston, TX)
Tuesday, January 1 at 1 P.M. (NBC)
Fiesta Bowl (Tempe, AZ)
Tuesday, January 1 at 1:30 P.M. (CBS)
Cotton Bowl (Dallas, TX)
Tuesday, January 1 at 4:30 P.M. (NBC)
Rose Bowl (Pasadena, CA)
Tuesday, January 1 at 8 P.M. (NBC)
Orange Bowl (Miami, FL)
Tuesday, January 1 at 8 P.M. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl (New Orleans, LA)
Saturday, January 5 at 3 P.M. (CBS)
East-West Shrine Game (Stanford, CA)

A team's final record in the left-hand margin of the chart includes the results of postseason games. For example, Alabama's 8-4 mark includes its Sun Bowl victory over Southern Methodist; Boston University's 9-4 record includes one win and one loss in the Division I-AA playoffs.

*+ Home game * Night game F Favorite*
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	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
ABILENE CHRISTIAN Texas 7-3		Montana +*U	N. Colorado +*F	NW Louisiana 20-17 *U	S. F. Austin 24-10 +*U		W. Texas St. 28-3 *F	Howard Payne 35-6 +F	Angelo St. 23-9 *F	Sam Houston 27-20 +*F	Texas A&I 38-24 *F	East Texas 28-31 +U	
AIR FORCE ACADEMY Colorado 10-2	San Diego St. 38-7 +F	N. Colorado +F	Wyoming 7-14 F	Utah 33-31 *F	Colorado St. 34-13 +F	Navy 44-17 +F	Notre Dame 23-22 U	Brigham Young 28-46 +U		Army 41-20 F	New Mexico *F		Texas-El Paso 37-25 *F
AKRON Ohio 8-3	Kent St. 13-6 U	Cincinnati U	W. Kentucky 14-13 +*F	E. Kentucky 5-10 +*U	Middle Tenn. 3-26 U	Cent. Florida *F	Morehead St. 31-0 +*F	Murray St. 6-3 U	Tenn. Tech 43-12 +*F	Youngstown St. 49-21 *F		Austin Peay 26-3 +F	
ALABAMA University 8-4		Boston College (Birmingham) 13-20 +*F	Georgia Tech 20-7 F	SW Louisiana +F	Vanderbilt 44-24 +F	Georgia +F	Penn St. 28-34 +U	Tennessee 34-41 F		Mississippi St. (Jackson) 35-18 F	LSU 32-26 +F	Cincinnati F	Auburn 12/1 (Birmingham) 20-23 U
ALABAMA STATE Normal 2-9	Jackson St. 0-21 +*U	Southern U. 7-14 *U	Alcorn St. (Mobile) 10-13 *U	Texas Southern 3-10 +*U		Ft. Valley St. +F	Bethune-Cookman 6-24 +*U	Prairie View U	Alabama A&M (Birmingham) 14-27 U	Grambling 9-28 *U	Mississippi Valley St. 27-28 U		Tuskegee 11/22 13-3 +F
ALCORN STATE Lorman, MS 7-3	Grambling 0-28 +U		Alabama St. (Mobile) 13-10 *F		South Carolina 18-13 U	Texas Southern 27-13 +F		Southern U. 19-20 +U	Florida A&M (Tampa) 43-30 *U	Miss. Valley St. 14-42 U			
ANGELO STATE Texas 5-6	N. Texas St. *U	NW Louisiana 22-30 +*U	Cameron 16-7 *F		E. New Mexico +*F		Texas Southern *U	Texas A&I 17-21 +*F	Ab. Christian 9-23 +*U	E. Texas St. 3-27 U	Sam Houston 21-12 +F	Howard Payne 31-19 F	
APPALACHIAN ST. Boone, NC 6-5	Clemson U	W. Kentucky F	Wake Forest 27-25 *U	East Tennessee St. 27-11 +U	VMI 31-0 F	W. Carolina 15-41 +U	Marshall 28-19 F	Furman 0-49 +U	Citadel 27-16 +F		UT-Chattanooga 9-30 U	S.C. St. +U	
ARIZONA Tucson 7-3-1	Fresno St. +*F	California 33-33 +*F	Oregon St. (Portland) 50-6 *F	LSU *U	Long Beach St. +*F	Oregon 10-19 +*F		USC U	Washington 22-23 U	Utah St. +*F	Stanford 22-31 +*F		Arizona St. 17-15 +*U
ARIZONA STATE Tempe 6-4-1		Oklahoma St. +*F	San Jose St. 24-17 +*F	USC 34-14 +*F	Stanford 29-11 F	California 24-26 +*F		Oregon St. 38-3 +*F	UCLA 26-26 +*F	Florida St. 26-29 +*F	Oregon F	Colorado St. +*F	Arizona 15-17 *F
ARKANSAS Fayetteville 6-5			Mississippi (Little Rock) 10-13 *F	Tulsa 17-14 +F	Navy (Little Rock) *F	TCU 38-21 +F	Texas Tech (Little Rock) 16-13 *F	Texas 3-31 U	Houston 24-3 U	Rice (Little Rock) 35-0 *F	Baylor 21-24 U	Texas A&M 23-36 +U	SMU (11/23) 0-17 U
ARKANSAS STATE State University 5-5-1	Memphis St. 14-14 *U	TN—Chattanooga 27-14 *U	Tenn-Martin 31-0 +*F	S. Illinois 28-35 U	Texas A&M 0-38 *U	North Texas 0-17 +*U	Louisiana Tech 21-7 *U	McNeese St. 24-14 +*U	Texas-Arlington 19-28 *U		Lamar 24-14 +*F	NE Louisiana 7-45 +*U	
ARMY West Point, NY 2-9			Colgate 13-15 +F	Tennessee U	Duke +F	Harvard 21-24 +F	Rutgers (E. Rutherford) 20-12 U	Pennsylvania +F	Syracuse U	Air Force 20-41 +U	Boston College 14-34 U	Montana (Tokyo) F	Navy (11/23) (Philadelphia) 13-42 U
AUBURN Alabama 11-1	Miami 8/27 (E. Rutherford) *F		Texas 7-20 *F	Southern Mississippi 24-3 +*F	Tennessee 37-14 +F	Mississippi F	Florida St. 27-24 *F	Georgia Tech 31-13 +F	Mississippi St. 28-13 F	Florida 28-21 F	Cincinnati +F	Georgia 13-7 +F	Alabama 12/1 (Birmingham) 23-29 F
AUGUSTANA Sioux Falls, SD 5-6	Sioux Falls (9/3) +*F	Central Mo. F	North Dakota 26-24 U	N. Dakota St. +*U	Mankato St. 28-19 *U	St. Cloud St. 28-6 *U	Neb-Omaha 15-26 *U	S. Dakota St. 9-13 *F	Morningside 48-7 *F	N. Colorado 16-17 +U	South Dakota 0-27 U		
AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN 6-5		Tenn-Martin 45-6 +*F	Kentucky St. 20-14 +*F	Nicholls St. *U	E. Kentucky 14-31 +*U	Morehead St. 14-3 +*F	Youngstown St. 19-41 +*U	Middle Tenn. 17-31 U	Central Florida 7-10 *F	Murray St. 17-16 U	Tennessee Tech 21-7 +F	Akron 3-26 U	
BALL STATE Muncie, IN 6-5	Massachusetts F	Toledo 7-43 +	Ohio U. 31-14 +F	Washington St. U	Northern Illinois 14-27 *U	Indiana St. (Indianapolis) 14-35 U	Kent St. 17-13 +F	Western Michigan 24-20 +U	Eastern Michigan 33-20 *F	Bowling Green 30-45 +U	Central Michigan 10-38 U		
BAYLOR Waco, TX 7-4-1		Brigham Young 40-36 U		Oklahoma U	Texas Tech 11-26 *F	Houston 42-21 +*U	SMU 26-42 +*U	Texas A&M 13-13 U	TCU 56-21 F	New Mexico +F	Arkansas 24-21 +F	Rice 48-14 F	Texas 21-24 +U
BETHUNE-COOKMAN Daytona Beach, FL 4-4-1	Central Fla. (Orlando) 31-22 *F		Howard 17-20 F	Grambling *U	Delaware St. 16-23 +*U	Ga. Southern (Jacksonville) *F	Alabama St. 24-6 *F	S.C. St. (Tampa) 7-28 *U	N.C. A&T 38-3 F	Tennessee St. (Orlando) 19-21 *U	Morris Brown 21-21 +F		
BOISE STATE Idaho 6-5	Fullerton St. 10-13 +*U	Fresno St. *+U		Nevada-Reno 20-38 +*U	E. Washington 33-14 +*F	Idaho St. 32-20 *F	N. Arizona 28-3 *F	Montana 20-21 +*F	Montana St. 42-0 F	Cal Poly-Obispo 27-3 *F	Weber St. 38-27 +F	Idaho 24-45 +F	
BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, MA 9-3	Western Carolina +*F	Alabama (Birmingham) 20-13 *U		North Carolina (Foxboro) F			Temple 18-15 +*F	West Virginia 17-27 U	Rutgers 42-22 +F	Penn St. 27-17 U	Army 34-14 +F	Syracuse (Foxboro) 10-21 U	Miami U Holy Cross (12/1) 47-7 F
BOSTON UNIV. Massachusetts 9-4		Grambling (New York City) U	Morgan St. 50-0 +F	New Hampshire 13-3 F	Maine 28-14 +*F	Delaware +F	William & Mary F	Rhode Island 24-22 F	Massachusetts 21-24 +F	Holy Cross 3-14 +U	Connecticut 17-7 F	VMI F	
BOWLING GREEN Ohio 8-3		Richmond +F	Oklahoma St. U	Miami (OH) 17-14 F	E. Michigan 26-21 +F	Toledo 3-6 *U	W. Michigan 23-20 +F	N. Illinois 23-24 +U	Cent. Michigan 15-14 U	Ball St. 45-30 F	Ohio U. 24-20 +F	Kent St. 38-3 F	
BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT 11-1	Pittsburgh T	Baylor 36-40 +F	Tulsa +F	Hawaii *F		Colorado St. 24-6 F	Wyoming 41-10 +F	Air Force 46-28 F	New Mexico 66-21 *F	Texas-El Paso 31-9 +F	San Diego St. 47-12 +F	Utah 55-7 F	Utah St. 38-34 +F
BROWN Providence, RI 4-5-1				Yale 26-24 +F	Rhode Island 16-30 +U	Princeton 16-27 F	Pennsylvania 24-24 +U	Cornell 14-3 F	Holy Cross 10-31 +U	Harvard 10-17 U	Dartmouth 25-7 +U	Columbia 42-36 F	

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BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA 4-5-1		Indiana (PA) +*F	Carnegie-Mellon +F	Northeastern U	Princeton 28-46 F	Cornell +T	New Hampshire 35-42 U	Davidson 50-7 F		Lafayette 3-33 +U	Lehigh 15-40 U	Delaware 20-7 U	
CALIFORNIA Berkeley 5-5-1		Arizona 33-33 *U	Pacific +F	Oregon 17-24 +F	San Jose St. 30-9 +F	Arizona St. 26-24 *U	Oregon St. 45-19 F	UCLA 16-20 +U	USC 9-19 U	Washington U	Washington St. 6-16 +U	Stanford 27-18 +U	
CAL-DAVIS California				Santa Clara 24-6 *F	Cal Poly-SLO 24-14 *F	Humboldt St. 34-0 F		San Fran. St. 41-9 F	Hayward St. 42-3 F	Sonoma St. 42-0 +*F	Northridge St. 31-3 *F		
CAL POLY- San Luis Obispo California 5-6		Sacramento St. 38-15 *F	Fresno St. 7-30 *U	Hayward St. +*F	Cal-Davis 14-24 *U	Santa Clara 20-27 *U	Portland St. 16-7 *F	Northridge St. 21-48 +*U	St. Mary's F	Boise St. 3-27 +*U		Cal Lutheran +*F	
CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mt. Pleasant 8-3	Northern Michigan 37-15 +F		East Carolina +U	Western Michigan 32-14 +F	Kent St. 13-7 F	Eastern Michigan 24-3 *F	Ohio U. 14-9 +F	Miami (OH) 7-12 F	Bowling Green 14-15 +F	Northern Illinois 30-14 U	Ball St. 38-10 +F	Toledo 34-6 +F	
CINCINNATI Ohio 4-6-1		Akron +F	Youngstown St. +F	Memphis St. 10-43 *U	Rutgers 18-7 F		Miami 7-17 +U	Florida U	Louisville 23-31 +F	Temple 31-16 F	Auburn U	Alabama +U	Miami (OH) (11/22) 10-14 +F
CITADEL Charleston, SC 3-8		South Carolina *U	Presbyterian 35-7 +*F	Georgia Tech U	East Tenn. St. 0-45 +*U	Davidson 41-12 F	W. Carolina 17-44 U	Marshall 10-26 +U	Appalachian St. 16-27 U	VMI 27-6 +F	Wofford +F	Furman 21-49 U	
CLEMSON South Carolina 9-1-1	Appalachian St. +F	Virginia 42-21 *F		Georgia 16-16 F	Georgia Tech 41-14 F	North Carolina 16-3 +F		Duke 38-31 +F	N.C. St. 27-17 F	Wake Forest 24-17 +F	Virginia Tech +F	Maryland 52-27 F	South Carolina 22-13 +F
COAST GUARD New London, CT 4-6		Western Ct. 9-12 +*F	RPI 7-14 +F	WPI 14-35 U	Norwich 16-15 F	Wesleyan 21-18 +F	Marist 20-0 F	Union U	Trinity (CT) 20-42 +U	Merchant Marine 14-21 U			
COLGATE Hamilton, NY 8-4		Connecticut 41-33 +F	Army 15-13 F	Lehigh 47-28 F	Cornell 60-7 F		Holy Cross 18-21 +F	Lafayette 21-7 +F	Columbia F	Richmond 43-14 F	Wm. & Mary F	Rutgers 26-29 U	
COLORADO Boulder 4-7		Michigan St. 17-23 +U	Oregon T	Notre Dame 3-27 U	UCLA +U	Missouri 20-59 U	Iowa St. 10-22 +U	Nebraska 19-69 +U	Oklahoma St. 14-40 U	Kansas 34-23 +F	Oklahoma 28-41 +U	Kansas St. 38-21 U	
COLORADO STATE Fort Collins 5-7		Mississippi St. U	Hawaii 0-34 +U	Fullerton St. +U	Air Force 13-34 U	Brigham Young 6-24 +U	New Mexico 25-24 *U	San Diego St. 17-15 *F	Wyoming 17-42 +U	Utah 31-28 U	Texas-El Paso 31-15 +F	Arizona St. *U	
COLUMBIA New York City 1-7-2				Harvard 14-43 +U	Lafayette 29-34 +U	Pennsylvania 10-35 U	Princeton 26-35 +U	Yale 21-18 U	Colgate +U	Dartmouth 17-17 U	Cornell 6-31 +U	Brown 36-42 +U	
CONNECTICUT Storrs 5-6		Colgate 33-41 U	Lehigh 7-13 +U	Morgan St. +F	Yale 38-12 F	New Hampshire 9-7 U	Lafayette F	Holy Cross 16-20 U	Maine 31-26 +F	Massachusetts 16-6 F	Boston U. 7-17 +U	Rhode Island 18-17 +F	
CORNELL Ithaca, NY 3-6-1				Princeton 32-20 +F	Colgate 7-60 +U	Bucknell T	Harvard 3-3 U	Brown 3-14 +U	Dartmouth 17-31 +U	Yale 41-7 U	Columbia 31-6 F	Pennsylvania 7-28 +U	
DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH 4-5-1				Pennsylvania 14-38 +U	New Hampshire +U	Holy Cross 14-41 U	Yale 24-21 F	Harvard 28-12 +U	Cornell 31-17 F	Columbia 17-17 +F	Brown 7-25 F	Princeton 21-3 F	
DAVIDSON North Carolina 2-8		W. Carolina *U	Guilford 33-17 +F	Newberry 7-13 +F	Pennsylvania U	Citadel 12-41 +U	James Madison 0-50 +U	Bucknell 7-50 +U	Wofford 7-21 +U	Furman 7-55 U	Catawba 28-21 F		
DAYTON Ohio 7-3		Slippery Rock 17-34 +*U	Otterbein +*F	Butler 3-20 +*U	Olivet F	Baldwin-Wallace 17-14 *F	Anderson +F	Wabash 30-9 F	West Virginia Wesleyan +F	De Pauw +F	Taylor +F		
DELAWARE Newark 4-7		James Madison 26-23 +F	Wm & Mary 30-13 +U	West Chester 27-35 +F	Lehigh 19-24 U	Boston U. U	Maine +U	Temple 16-23 U	Towson St. 4-13 +F	Morgan St. +F	Massachusetts 16-13 +U	Bucknell 7-20 +F	
DELAWARE STATE Dover 7-3-1		S.C. St. (Philadelphia) 17-24 U	Northeastern 21-21 +F	N.C. A&T 26-7 F	Bethune-Cookman 23-16 *F	James Madison 38-38 F	Bowie St. F	Towson St. 15-23 +F	Central St. 26-49 +F	Howard 62-20 F	Liberty Baptist 48-24 +F		
DELTA STATE Cleveland, MS 5-5	S.F. Austin *U	Ouachita Baptist 21-17 +*F		SE Missouri 32-22 *F	North Alabama 33-53 +*U	Tenn-Martin 16-34 *U	Jacksonville St. 14-34 +U	Troy St. 21-26 U	Livingston 15-47 +U	West Georgia 35-3 F	Valdosta St. 24-16 +U	Mississippi College 31-21 *U	
DRAKE Des Moines, IA 1-10	SW Missouri 11-22 +F	N. Iowa 10-34 +U	Iowa St. U	New Mexico St. 23-42 +U	Illinois St. 17-36 U	NE Missouri +F	W. Illinois 14-31 F		Wichita St. 0-43 +U	S. Illinois 9-28 +U		West Texas 36-26 F	
DUKE Durham, NC 3-8		Indiana 10-15 +*U		South Carolina 24-31 *U	Army U	Virginia 30-38 +*U	Virginia Tech 14-27 U	Clemson 31-38 U	Maryland 3-38 +U	Georgia Tech 32-26 U	Wake Forest 31-21 +U	N.C. St. 27-26 U	North Carolina 27-34 +U
EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC 8-3	Florida St. 46-47 *U	Temple 24-11 +*F	Cent. Michigan F	GA Southern +F	NC St. 22-16 *F	Pittsburgh U	Tulsa *F	East Tenn.St. 21-9 +F	South Carolina F	SW Louisiana 21-18 F	Southern Miss. 10-6 +F		
EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston 9-3	Grand Valley 35-21 F	Indiana St. 13-17 U	NE Missouri 42-0 +F	Toledo *U	Ferris St. +F	Illinois St. 38-7 +F	S. Illinois 14-17 +U	W. Illinois 20-0 F	SW Missouri 12-3 F	N. Iowa 13-0 +F	W. Kentucky 34-14 +F		
EASTERN KENTUCKY Richmond 7-3-1		Youngstown St. 28-23 +F	East Tenn. St. 21-15 *F	Akron 10-5 *F	Austin Peay 31-14 *F	Middle Tenn. 14-7 +F	Cent. Florida +F	W. Kentucky 10-10 F	Murray St. 10-23 +F	Tenn. Tech 24-7 F	Morehead St. 56-0 +F	Florida A&M 10-35 +U	
EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti 1-10	Youngstown St. F		Marshall 7-3 *F	Ohio U. 14-31 +*U	Bowling Green 21-26 U	Cent. Michigan 3-24 +*U	N. Illinois 15-34 U	Toledo 19-37 *U	Ball St. 20-33 +*U	Kent St. 13-37 +*U	Miami (OH) 12-24 U	W. Michigan 10-14 +*U	
EAST TENNESSEE Johnson City 3-8		Tenn. Tech 14-7 *F	E. Kentucky 15-21 +*U	Appalachian St. 11-27 F	Citadel 45-0 *F	TN-Chattanooga 10-13 F	Furman 7-28 +*F	East Carolina 9-21 U	James Madison F	GA. Southern 24-7 +F	W. Carolina 16-17 +U	Marshall 10-13 +F	
EAST TEXAS Commerce 8-2		Cameron 38-27 *F	Southern St. 24-15 +*F	NE Oklahoma +F		Central St. F	Sam Houston St. 51-14 +*F	Eastern New Mexico F	Texas A&I 35-24 *F	Angelo St. 27-3 +F	Howard Payne 24-0 +F	Abilene Christian 31-28 F	

FLORIDA Gainesville	9-2-1	Miami (Tampa) 28-3 *U	LSU 31-17 +F	Tulane +F		Mississippi St. 35-12 +F	Syracuse +F	Tennessee F	Cincinnati +F		Auburn 21-28 +U	Georgia (Jacksonville) 9-10 F	Kentucky 24-7 F	Florida St. (12/1) 53-14 *F
FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee	7-4	Georgia Southern F	Ft. Valley St. 35-10 +*F	Troy St. (Jacksonville) *F	Tennessee St. 13-23 *U	Kentucky St. +*F	Jackson St. 22-28 *U	Morris Brown +F		Alcorn St. (Tampa) 30-43 *F	Prairie View +*F	Southern U. 31-14 *F	Eastern Kentucky 35-10 F	
FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee	7-5	East Carolina 47-46 +*F		Kansas F	Miami 16-17 U	Temple +*F	Memphis St. *F	Auburn 24-27 +*U	Tulane 28-34 +*F		Arizona St. 29-26 *U	South Carolina 45-30 F	Tenn.-Chattanooga +*F	Florida (12/1) 14-53 +*U
FRESNO STATE California	6-5	Arizona *U	Boise St. *F	Cal Poly SLO 30-7 +*F	Long Beach St. 7-3 +*F	New Mexico St. +*F	Hawaii *U		Utah St 12-20 +*F	San Jose St. 23-41 *F	Fullerton St. 17-18 F	Pacific 34-14 +F	Montana St. 31-12 +F	UNLV 7-20 *U
FULLERTON California	7-5	Boise St. 13-10 *F	Hawaii *U	Idaho +F	Colorado St. F	Utah St. 25-24 +F	Pacific 31-14 *F	San Jose St. 20-11 +F	Nevada-Reno 14-6 F	Long Beach St. 25-19 F	Fresno St. 18-17 +U	UNLV 0-13 *U	New Mexico St. F	
FURMAN Greenville, SC	10-2-1	S.C. St. 3-13 +F		N.C. St. *U	Marshall 31-7 *F			East Tenn. St. 28-7 *U	Appalachian St. 49-0 F	W. Carolina 17-17 +U	Davidson 55-7 +F		Citadel 49-21 +F	
GEORGIA Athens	10-1-1		Southern Mississippi +F		Clemson 16-16 +U	South Carolina 31-13 *F	Alabama U	Mississippi 36-11 +F	Vanderbilt 20-13 +F	Kentucky 47-21 *F	Memphis St. +F	Florida (Jacksonville) 10-9 U	Auburn 7-13 U	Georgia Tech (12/1) 27-24 +F

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Itta Bena	7-2-1 Kentucky St. F		Washburn F	Jackson St. 19-33 *U	Southern U. 28-31 *F		Grambling (Indianapolis) 28-28 *U	Texas Southern 30-21 *F	Prairie View 54-12 F	Alcorn St. 42-14 +F	Alabama St. 28-27 +F	Langston +F	
MISSOURI Columbia	7-5	Illinois 28-18 *F	Wisconsin 20-21 +T	Mississippi St. +F	Notre Dame +U	Colorado 59-20 +F	Nebraska 13-34 U	Kansas St. 38-0 *F	Iowa St. 41-18 +F	Oklahoma 10-0 U	Oklahoma St. 16-10 U	Kansas 27-37 +F	
MONTANA Missoula	4-6	Abilene Christian +F	Portland St. (9/14) 35-19 *F	Idaho St. 17-31 *U	Weber St. 28-26 *F	Northern Arizona 21-17 +U	Eastern Washington 26-27 +F	Boise St. 21-20 *U	Idaho 24-45 +U	Montana St. 8-28 +F	Nevada-Reno 0-38 U	Army (Tokyo) U	
MONTANA STATE Bozeman	1-10	Mesa +F	E. Washington (Spokane) 17-22 *F	Idaho 0-23 *U	Idaho St. 3-26 +U	Weber St. 20-23 *F	Nevada-Reno 3-33 +U	Portland St. +F	Boise St. 0-42 +U	Montana 28-8 U	Northern Arizona 16-33 +U	Fresno St. 12-31 U	
MOREHEAD STATE Kentucky	2-9	Georgetown (KY) +*F	Marshall 0-35 *U	James Madison +U	Middle Tenn 17-56 U	Murray St. 0-38 +U	Akron 0-31 *U	Tenn. Tech 3-14 +U	W. Kentucky 7-28 +U		E. Kentucky 0-56 U	Youngstown St. 27-20 +U	
MORNINGSIDE Sioux City, IA	1-10	Wayne St. +*F	NW Iowa *F	S. Dakota St. 10-17 F	Neb-Omaha 0-38 +*U	South Dakota 3-40 +*U	N. Colorado 14-10 U	Marikato St. 13-40 +U	St. Cloud St. 21-28 U	Augustana 7-48 +*U	North Dakota St. 7-49 U	North Dakota 7-20 +U	
MURRAY STATE Kentucky	7-4	Louisville *U		Tenn. Tech 20-6 *F	Morehead St. 38-0 F	SW Missouri 19-7 +*F	Middle Tenn. 14-17 +F	Akron 3-6 +F	E. Kentucky 23-10 U	Austin Peay 16-17 +F	Youngstown St. 19-7 +F	W. Kentucky 7-3 +F	
NAVY Annapolis, MD	3-8		North Carolina U	Virginia 16-27 +F	Arkansas (Little Rock) *U	Air Force 17-44 U	Lehigh 30-0 +F	Princeton 37-29 +F	Pittsburgh 14-21 U	Notre Dame (E. Rutherford) 12-28 U	Syracuse 7-14 U	South Carolina 7-31 +U	Army (11/23) (Philadelphia) 42-13 F
NEBRASKA Lincoln	12-1	Wyoming 56-20 +F	Minnesota 84-13 +F	UCLA 42-10 *F	Syracuse 63-7 F	Oklahoma St. 14-10 +F	Missouri 34-13 +F	Colorado 69-19 F	Kansas St. 51-25 +F	Iowa St. 72-29 F	Kansas 67-13 F	Oklahoma 28-21 +F	
NEBRASKA-OMAHA Nebraska	9-2	NE Missouri 12-7 F	Kearney St. 34-44 +*U	South Dakota 17-10 +*F	Morningside 38-0 *F	No. Dakota St. 18-10 *F	Augustana 26-15 +*F	North Dakota 19-24 +*F	N. Colorado 37-29 F	St. Cloud St. 34-31 +F	Mankato St. 34-10 F		
NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Nevada	7-4	San Jose St. 26-31 +*F	New Mexico St. *F	Wichita St. +*F	Hawaii 0-23 *U	Long Beach St. 21-24 F	Idaho St. +*F	Pacific 28-7 *F		San Diego St. 28-10 *F	Fullerton St. 13-0 +*F	Utah St. 28-10 F	Fresno St. 20-7 +*F SMU (12-1) +*U
NEVADA-RENO Nevada	9-5	Pacific 34-24 +*F	Texas A&I +F	Boise St. 38-20 *F	N. Arizona 38-41 +F	Idaho 43-24 +F	Montana St. 33-3 F	Fullerton St. 6-14 +U	Weber St. 41-3 F	E. Washington +F	Montana 38-0 +F	Idaho St. 37-16 *F	
NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham	7-3	Maine 20-7 +F	Lafayette F	Boston U. 3-13 +U	Dartmouth F	Connecticut 7-9 +F	Bucknell 42-35 +F	Lehigh 52-28 F	Northeastern 24-7 F	Rhode Island 14-13 +F	Holy Cross 30-42 U	Massachusetts 35-10 F	
NEW MEXICO Albuquerque	6-6	New Mexico St. 31-10 +*F	West Texas +*F	Texas Tech 30-10 +*F	Texas-El Paso 35-0 *F	Utah (10/5) 17-7 *F	Colorado St. 24-25 +*F	Wyoming 17-10 U	Brigham Young 21-66 +*U	Baylor U	Air Force +*U	San Diego St. 34-14 *F	Hawaii 16-55 *U
NEW MEXICO ST. Las Cruces	5-6	San Jose St. *U	New Mexico 10-31 *U	Drake 42-23 +*U	Fresno St. F	Texas-El Paso 9-20 *U	Pacific +*U	Long Beach St. U	West Texas St. 26-24 +*F	Wichita St. 62-28 *F		Fullerton St. +U	
NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA	5-6	NE Louisiana 27-47 +*U	Troy St. 25-33 *F	McNeese St. 30-27 +*U	Austin Peay +*F	Sam Houston +*F	Southern U. 20-21 +*U	NW Louisiana *U	S.F. Austin U		Lamar 21-14 *F	SW Texas U	SE Louisiana 6-0 +*U
NORTH ALABAMA Florence	11-1-1	Miles 38-0 +*F	Miss. College 28-0 +*F	Savannah St. *F	Delta St. 53-23 *F	Alabama A&M 20-20 +*F	Tenn.-Martin 35-7 +F	Jacksonville St. 24-21 *F	Troy St. 42-21 +*F	Livingston 15-12 *F	West Georgia 49-7 +F	Valdosta St. 27-0 F	

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill	8-4			Navy	+F	Boston College (Foxboro)	U	Kansas	+F	Clemson 3-16	U	Wake Forest 30-10	F	N.C. St. 42-14	+F	Memphis St. 24-10	*F	Maryland 26-28	+U	Georgia Tech 38-21	+U	Virginia 14-17	+F	Duke 34-27	F
NORTH CAROLINA A&T Greensboro	3-7-1	Winston-Salem 24-37	+F	S.C. St. 7-45	+U	Delaware St. 7-26	+U	Johnson C. Smith 42-35	*F							Bethune-Cookman 3-38	+U	Southern U.	*U	N.C. Central 13-13	F	Tennessee St. 0-57	U		
NORTH CAROLINA STATE Raleigh	3-8	Ohio U	+*F	Furman	+*F	Wake Forest 38-15	+*F	East Carolina 16-22	+*U	Georgia Tech 10-20	U	Maryland 6-29	U	North Carolina 14-42	U	Clemson 17-27	+U	South Carolina 17-31	+U	Virginia 14-26	F	Duke 26-27	+F		
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NORTHEASTERN Boston, MA	12-1			Delaware St. 21-21	U	Bucknell	+F			Lehigh 10-38	+U	Rhode Island 10-30	+U	James Madison	F	New Hampshire 7-24	+U	Maine 14-17	F	Richmond	+F	Springfield (11/16) 22-7	*F		
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA Monroe	8-3	Nicholls St. 47-27	*F	Central Florida	+*F	SW Louisiana 31-6	*F			NW Louisiana 9-13	+*F	Lamar 17-0	+*F	SE Louisiana 16-13	+*F	Texas-Arlington 16-10	+*F	McNeese St. 37-6	*F	Louisiana Tech 17-0	+*F	North Texas St. 7-27	F	Arkansas St. 45-7	*F

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NORTHERN COLORADO Greeley	4-6	Air Force U	Abilene Christian *U	Mankato St. 27-16 +U	North Dakota 26-24 U	Morningside 10-14 +F	South Dakota 14-16 U	North Dakota St. 21-34 +U	Neb-Omaha 29-37 +U	Augustana 17-16 F	Eastern Washington +F	St. Cloud St. 18-20 U	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb	10-2	West Texas St. +*F	Wisconsin 9-37 U	Kent St. 38-7 +*F	Ball St. 27-14 +*F	Western Michigan 27-3 F	Eastern Michigan 34-15 +F	Bowling Green 24-23 F	Miami (OH) 17-0 +F	Central Michigan 14-30 +F	Toledo 26-10 *F	Ohio U 41-17 F	
NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls	6-5	Winona St. +*F	Drake 34-10 F	SW Missouri 13-35 +U	Western Illinois 32-26 +*F	Southern Illinois 9-52 U	Wis-Whitewater +*F	Youngstown St. 23-13 F	Northern Michigan 26-45 +*U	Eastern Illinois 0-13 U	Central Missouri 20-7 +*F	Northwest Missouri 30-21 +*F	
NORTHERN MICHIGAN Marquette	8-2	Central Michigan 15-37 U	North Dakota St. 14-17 U	Minn-Duluth 23-7 +F	Grand Valley St. 27-14 +F		SE Missouri +F	Saginaw Valley 45-6 F	Northern Iowa 45-26 *F	Western Illinois 47-14 +F	Michigan Tech 28-21 +F		
NORTHRIDGE California	6-4		Northern Arizona *U	Sacramento St. 20-14 +*F	San Francisco St. 24-3 F	Hayward St. 16-28 +*U	St. Mary's 7-13 +*U	Cal Poly SLO 48-21 *F	Cal Lutheran 26-23 F	Santa Clara 24-22 *U	Cal-Davis 3-31 +*U	Portland St. 13-31 +*F	
NORTH TEXAS ST. Denton	8-4	Angelo St. +*F		Lamar 10-0 *F	SMU *U	Louisiana Tech 18-25 *F	Arkansas St. 17-0 *F	McNeese St. 17-10 +*F	TCU U	SW Texas +*F	Kentucky U	NE Louisiana 27-7 +U	Texas-Arlington 52-15 F
NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL	2-9	Illinois 24-56 *U	Washington 0-34 U	Syracuse 0-35 +U	Indiana 10-8 +U	Wisconsin 0-49 U	Iowa 21-61 +U	Michigan 0-35 U	Minnesota 19-8 *F	Purdue 17-48 +F	Michigan St. 3-9 U	Ohio St. 7-55 +U	
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OHIO STATE Columbus	9-3		Oregon St. +F	Washington St. +F	Iowa 14-20 +U	Minnesota 69-18 *F	Purdue 33-22 F	Illinois 13-17 +F	Michigan St. 21-11 F	Wisconsin 45-27 F	Indiana 56-17 +F	Northwestern 55-7 F	Michigan 21-24 +U
OHIO UNIVERSITY Athens	4-7	West Virginia 3-55 U	N.C. St. *U	Ball St. 14-31 U	Eastern Michigan 31-14 *F	Toledo 0-31 +U		Central Michigan 9-14 U	Kent St. 21-20 +F	Western Michigan 14-16 U	Miami (OH) 17-14 +U	Bowling Green 20-24 U	Northern Illinois 17-41 +U
OKLAHOMA Norman	8-4		Stanford 27-14 +F	Pittsburgh U	Baylor +F	Kansas St. 29-10 +F		Texas (Dallas) 16-18 F	Iowa St. 49-11 F	Kansas 45-14 F	Missouri 0-10 +F	Colorado 41-28 F	Nebraska 21-28 U
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Stockton, CA	3-9	24-34	+•U		U	28-14	•F	21-15	U	14-31	+•U		+F	7-28	+•U	10-27	U	16-28	U	14-34	U	30-26	+•U
PENN STATE		Rutgers		Iowa		William & Mary		Texas		Maryland		Alabama		Syracuse		West Virginia		Boston College				Notre Dame	
University Park	8-4-1	36-25	+F	34-42	U		+F	(E. Rutherford)	F		+F	34-28	F	17-6	+F	41-23	F	17-27	+F			34-30	F
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Philadelphia	6-3-1					38-14	F		+F	35-10	+F	24-24	F		U	17-0	+F	28-27	F	0-28	+F	28-7	F
PITTSBURGH				Oklahoma		Temple		West Virginia		East Carolina		South Carolina		Miami		Navy		Syracuse		Tulane			
Pennsylvania	8-3-1	BYU	+T		+F	35-0	F	21-24	+F		+F		F		U	21-14	+F	13-10	F		+F		
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Oregon	3-7	St.	+F	16-17	+•U	(9-14)		13-37	+•U	44-26	•F	25-16	•F	7-16	+•U		U			6-20	+•U	31-13	•U
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Texas	0-11	6-37	•U			9-23	•U	8-42	+U			14-33	+F		+U	12-54	U		•U			20-28	+•U
PRINCETON						Cornell		Bucknell		Brown		Columbia		Navy		Harvard		Pennsylvania		Yale		Dartmouth	
New Jersey	4-6					30-32	U	46-28	+U	27-16	+U	35-26	F	29-37	U	26-28	+U	27-28	+U	21-28	U	3-21	+U
PURDUE		Notre Dame		Miami		Minnesota		Michigan St.		Ohio St.		Iowa		Illinois		Northwestern		Michigan		Wisconsin		Indiana	
W. Lafayette, IN	3-7-1	(Indianapolis)	U	0-35	+U	32-20	+F	29-29	U	22-33	+U	14-31	+U	21-35	U	48-17	U	10-42	+U	38-42	U	31-30	+U

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RICE Houston, TX	1-10	Minnesota 17-21 *U		Lamar +*F	Miami *U	Texas 6-42 +*U	TCU 3-34 *U	Texas Tech 3-14 +*U	Texas A&M U	Arkansas (Little Rock) 0-35 *U	SMU 6-20 +U	Baylor 14-48 +U	Houston (12/1) 14-45 *U
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SAN DIEGO ST. California	2-9-1 Air Force 7-38 U	UCLA +*U	Texas-El Paso 41-33 +*F	Oklahoma St. U		Wyoming 21-33 U	Utah 24-27 +*U	Colorado St. 15-17 +*U	Hawaii 27-27 *U	UNLV 10-28 +*U	BYU 12-47 U	New Mexico 14-34 +*U	Long Beach St. 13-20 +*U
SAN FRANCISCO ST. California	2-8	Cal Lutheran F		Northridge St. +U	Azusa Pacific +F	Hayward St. U	Sonoma St. F	Cal-Davis +U	Santa Clara 17-16 *U	Sacramento St. 25-37 *U	Chico St. 7-26 +U	Humboldt St. 9-22 +U	
SAN JOSE ST. California	5-6 New Mexico St. +*F	UNLV 31-26 *U	Arizona St. 17-24 *U	Stanford 23-10 U	California 9-30 U	Utah St. 15-22 +*U	Fullerton St. 11-20 U	SW Louisiana 21-25 +T	Fresno St. 41-23 +*U		Long Beach St. 18-9 +*F	Pacific 26-30 *F	

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SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia 5-6		Citadel +*F		Duke 31-24 +*F	Georgia +*U	Kansas St. +F	Pittsburgh +U	Notre Dame 6-30 U	East Carolina +U	N.C. St. 31-17 F	Florida St. 30-45 +U	Navy 31-7 F	Clemson 13-22 U
S. CAROLINA STATE Orangeburgh 7-3	Furman 13-3 U	Delaware St. (Philadelphia) 24-17 F	N.C. A&T 45-7 F	Howard 28-7 +F	Alcorn St. 13-18 +F	Johnson C. Smith 23-14 F	Morgan St. +F	B.-Cookman (Tampa) 28-7 *F			Grambling 3-14 +U		
SOUTH DAKOTA Vermillion 7-4	Wyoming 13-34 U	NE Missouri 42-9 F	Neb.-Omaha 10-17 *U	St. Cloud St. 7-41 +*F	Morningside 40-3 *F	N. Dakota St. 3-17 +*U	N. Colorado 16-14 +F	Mankato St. 27-22 F	S. Dakota St. 48-23 +F	North Dakota 26-16 F	Augustana 27-0 +F		
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Los Angeles 4-6-1		Utah St. +F		Arizona St. 14-34 *U	LSU +T	Washington St. 38-17 F	Oregon F	Arizona +F	California 19-9 +F	Stanford 30-7 F	Washington 0-24 +U	UCLA 17-27 U	Notre Dame 6-27 +U
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale 13-1	Tulsa *U	Illinois St. 28-26 *U	W. Illinois 38-6 +F	Arkansas St. 35-28 +F	SE Missouri 56-7 F	N. Iowa 52-9 +F	E. Illinois 17-14 F	W. Texas St. +F	Indiana St. 34-21 +U	Drake 28-9 F	SW Missouri 24-6 F		

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SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Hattiesburg 7-4		Georgia U	Louisiana Tech 28-10 + *F	Auburn 3-24 *U	Memphis St. 27-20 + *U	Mississippi St. (Jackson) 31-6 F	Tulane 7-14 *F	Mississippi (Jackson) 27-7 T	SW Louisiana 31-3 *F	NW Louisiana + *F	East Carolina 6-10 U	Louisville 27-3 + *F	
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY Baton Rouge, LA 7-4		Alabama St. 14-7 + *F	Texas Southern 35-7 F	Prairie View 23-9 + *F	Miss. Valley St. 31-28 + *U	Nicholls St. 21-20 *F	Jackson St. 0-31 + *U	Alcorn St. 20-19 F	Tennessee St. 24-49 U	NC A&T + *F	Florida A&M 14-31 + *U		Grambling (New Orleans) 10-24 U
SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Lafayette 4-6		Tenn.-Chattanooga 14-38 *U	Louisiana Tech 13-9 *F	NE Louisiana 6-31 + *U	Alabama U		Wichita St. + *F	Memphis St. *U	San Jose St. 25-21 T	Southern Miss. 3-31 + *U	East Carolina 18-21 + U	McNeese St. 48-16 *F	Tulsa *U
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI Springfield 6-5		Drake 22-11 U	W. Illinois 21-9 + *F	Central Mo. *F	Northern Iowa 35-13 F	NE Missouri 17-14 + F	Murray St. 7-19 *U	W. Kentucky F		E. Illinois 3-12 + U	SE Louisiana + F	S. Illinois 6-24 + U	
SOUTHWEST TEXAS San Marcos 9-2		Wichita St. *U	Texas A&I 28-0 + *F		Tex.-Arlington *U	Central Florida + *F	NW Louisiana 16-14 F	Lamar *F	SE Louisiana *F	N. Texas St. *U	S.F. Austin 24-27 + F	Nicholls St. + F	Sam Houston St. 26-10 F
STANFORD California 1-10		Oklahoma 14-27 U	Illinois 7-17 + U	San Jose St. 10-23 + F	Arizona St. 11-29 + U	UCLA 21-39 U	Washington 15-32 + U	Washington St. + U	Oregon St. 18-31 F	USC 7-30 + U	Arizona 31-22 *U	California 18-27 F	
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TEMPLE Philadelphia	4-7	East Carolina 11-24 *U	Rutgers 24-23 U	Pittsburgh 0-35 U	Florida St. *U	Wm & Mary F	Boston College 15-18 *U	Delaware 23-16 F	Virginia Tech +*U	Cincinnati 16-31 +U		West Virginia 9-27 +U	Toledo (11/30) (Atlantic City) *U
TENNESSEE Knoxville	9-3	Washington St. +U	Utah +F	Army +F	Auburn 14-37 U		Florida +U	Alabama 41-34 +U	Georgia Tech 37-3 F		Memphis St. +F	Mississippi (Jackson) 10-13 F	Kentucky 10-0 +F Vanderbilt (12/1) 34-24 F
TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	7-4	SW Louisiana 38-14 +*F	Arkansas St. 14-27 +*F	W. Carolina 15-25 +U		E. Tenn. St. 13-10 +U	VMI 23-6 F	Marshall 23-16 F			Appalachian St. 30-9 +F	Florida St. *U	
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TEXAS TECH Lubbock 3-7-1			Texas-Arlington +*F	New Mexico 10-30 *U	Baylor 26-11 +*U	Texas A&M 3-0 U	Arkansas (Little Rock) 13-16 *U	Rice 14-3 *F	Tulsa 20-59 +U	Texas 3-20 +U	TCU 10-10 U	SMU 7-33 +U	Houston 41-43 +U

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